

December 3, 2017
Prayers of the Faithful
First Sunday of Advent

We humbly place our prayers before our compassionate God.

1. For the Church, held close by the shepherd of Israel, that all will be open to receiving God's merciful love, we pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord hear our prayer.**
2. For the peoples of the world and for their leaders, that they be aware of the gifts entrusted to them for the good of all, we pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord hear our prayer.**
3. For the sick and their families, friends, and caregivers, that they know God's healing, we pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord hear our prayer.**
4. For the children of the world, that they will be safe, fed, housed, and loved, we pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord hear our prayer.**
5. For those who have died, that they may know God's loving mercy and so rest in Him, we pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord hear our prayer.**
6. For this worshipping community, that we rouse ourselves to cling to God this Advent, we pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord hear our prayer.**
7. For the prayers in the Parish Book of Intentions, and those that we hold in the silence of our hearts, we pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord hear our prayer.**

Return to us, O faithful Father; soften hardened hearts and mold us. Hear our prayers as we keep watch for the coming of your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.