

**Intentions for Prayer**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

That Christians may be able to faithfully worship and proclaim the Word of God in every part of the world:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That governments and social services will be responsive to the needs of the people entrusted to them, especially families with young children:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That all who are pregnant and afraid may welcome the life that is within them, and draw strength from the angel Gabriel's words to Mary: *Do not fear*:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That the poor, the lonely, and the neglected will experience God's love during this joyful season through the kindness of others:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That all who are busy making preparations to celebrate Christmas will take time to reflect on God's love for them:

*Lord, hear us ...*

For an end to this pandemic; that widespread vaccination may prove successful and that nations may work together and neighbours help one another:

*Lord, hear us ...*

For doctors, nurses, healthcare workers and carers; that they may be sustained in their service and bring healing and help to all who are in their care during this time of pandemic:

*Lord, hear us ...*

For those who must endure a time of self-isolation or make the sacrifice of shielding for another; that they may have reward for their goodness:

*Lord, hear us ...*

For the sick, the suffering and the fearful; that they may be comforted by the advent of God's peace into their hearts:

*Lord, hear us ...*

For all who have died, that they may rest in the peace of the Messiah:

*Lord, hear us ...*

May Our Lady of The Annunciation assist us as we pray: *Hail, Mary...*