

**Intentions for Prayer**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

That the Church may grow in grace through this holy season of Advent as we prepare to greet the Lord when he returns:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That national and local leaders may work together to bring aid to the weakest and most vulnerable members of our society:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That we may prepare for the new heaven and new earth by fostering respect and protection for all human life, including the unborn:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That those who feel separated from the grace of God may find this season a time of reconciliation and peace:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That the anxious, the lonely, and the depressed may find strength and hope in the love that God has for his wounded children:

*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 ...*

That those who have died may find the fulfilment of their hope and rejoice eternally in heaven:

*Lord, hear us ...*

May Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception assist us as we pray: *Hail, Mary...*