

**Intentions for Prayer**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

That Pope Francis and our bishops may be an effective voice in the world to herald the joy of the Gospel to all people:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That all Christians may, through loving service, help prepare the way for the coming of the Lord:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That world and local leaders may seek the values of service rather than the values of gain:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That those who suffer from economic deprivation and hardship, or who lack the means for adequate warmth or shelter, may receive the help they need:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That each of us may proclaim the greatness of God's creation through our actions of love and kindness to others; especially the weak, the vulnerable and the unborn:

*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 Guadalupe assist us as we pray: *Hail, Mary...*