

**General intercessions**  
The Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

**Celebrant:**

Like the Virgin Mary, let us pray trusting that the Lord's promises to us will be fulfilled.

**Reader:**

That in our daily lives we may always be joyful in proclaiming the Lord's coming:

Lord, hear us ...

That Christ, the Shepherd of all nations, will guide world leaders and their peoples in the ways of peace and justice:

Lord, hear us ...

That as Mary helped Elizabeth so we may help those who are pregnant to protect and care for their unborn children:

Lord, hear us ...

That we may strive to protect and provide for the vulnerable members of our society, especially children, the homeless and those with special needs,

*Lord, hear us ...*

For an end to the Covid pandemic: that the virus may be subdued, the sick healed and strength given to all who care for them,

*Lord, hear us ...*

That the sick and the dying may be loved and strengthened by those who care for them,

*Lord, hear us ...*

That those who have died may be welcomed into the life that never ends:

*Lord, hear us ...*

**Celebrant:**

Let us seek the help of Mary, Ark of the Covenant, as we say, *Hail, Mary...*

Father, your Son Jesus Christ offered Himself for our sake. Grant us salvation in Him, who is the answer to all our prayers and who is Lord forever and ever.