

General intercessions
The Second Sunday of Advent (C)

Celebrant:

Having heard God's word we present our needs with confidence.

Reader:

That we may make ready a way for the Lord, and make a straight path for God in our hearts, our families, and our places of work and play,

Lord, hear us ...

That both national and local government may promote justice and prioritise the needs of the poor and the weak,

Lord, hear us ...

That the Church may bring about effective repentance from grave sin, and the gift of healing to those wounded by it:

Lord, hear us ...

For our community of faith: that our love for others may grow in depth and sincerity and bring us ever closer to God,

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 lonely may enjoy the consolation of the presence and love of family, friends and the wider Christian community:

Lord, hear us ...

That those who have died may be filled with the joy of seeing Jesus face to face:

Lord, hear us ...

Celebrant:

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

Father, as you hear and answer our prayers, give us grace to long for the coming of Your Son and to prepare a world ready for him, who is Lord forever and ever.