

General intercessions
Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)

Celebrant: As we await the birth of Christ the Lord we present our needs to the Father.

Reader:

That our Holy Father and all bishops, priests and deacons may effectively proclaim to the world the joyful news that God is with us:

Lord, hear us ...

That all who serve in public office may come to know the presence of God in their daily challenges and decisions:

Lord, hear us ...

That exiles and refugees may always receive the welcome and assistance that they need,

Lord, hear us ...

That following the example of St Joseph, all fathers may be strengthened in love for their wives and for their children, born and unborn:

Lord, hear us ...

That those who suffer illness, loneliness or depression may come to know find peace in the Lord:

Lord, hear us ...

That all who have died may come to have eternal life in the Lord:

Lord, hear us ...

Celebrant:

Let us seek the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary: *Hail Mary...*

Father, we rejoice at the closeness of the Feast of our Saviour's birth. May we find in Him the fulfilment of all our desires. Through Christ our Lord.