

General intercessions
Second Sunday of Advent (A)

Celebrant: With readiness to welcome the Lord, who comes each day to us by his grace, we now present our needs to the Father.

Reader:

That the Church, like a herald, may never cease proclaiming what is true and just, even when it is unpopular:

Lord, hear us ...

That our political leaders may recognize the root causes of evil, poverty, racism, and abuse and offer constructive efforts to produce a more just society:

Lord, hear us ...

That we may all heed the Gospel call to reform our lives and seek the path of peace, especially with estranged members of our families:

Lord, hear us ...

For a spirit of hospitality: that we may welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us, as sisters and brothers, children of God:

Lord, hear us ...

That the Spirit of the Lord may rest upon the poor, the sick, the lonely, and the dying:

Lord, hear us ...

That all who have died may be raised to new and eternal life:

Lord, hear us ...

Celebrant:

Let us seek the prayers of Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, as we say: *Hail Mary...*

Father, we hear your call to repentance and rejoice that our salvation is near. Make our hearts and our world ready for the coming of your Son. Through Christ our Lord.