

General intercessions
First Sunday of Advent (B)

Celebrant: In the spirit of the prophet Isaiah, we gather our thoughts and prayers and call on God to help us in our needs.

Reader

That Pope Francis and our bishop, Ralph, may be blessed with wisdom and holiness to guide us in this season of Advent:

Lord, hear us ...

That peace will flourish among nations afflicted by war and strife especially in the Middle East and Ukraine:

Lord, hear us ...

That Christians may follow the Gospel mandate to "Be on guard" against all forms of disrespect for the sanctity and dignity of human life:

Lord, hear us ...

That all people may seek justice and have a particular care for the poor and hungry of our world:

Lord, hear us ...

That our hearts will be filled with compassion for all who are sick or suffering:

Lord, hear us ...

That those who have died may be granted the peace of God's kingdom:

Lord, hear us ...

Celebrant:

Let us seek the prayers Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception: *Hail, Mary...*

Almighty Father, as we look forward to the coming of your Son fill us with your mercy and answer our prayers. Through Christ our Lord.