

General intercessions
The First Sunday of Advent (C)

Celebrant:

As we begin this Advent season of prayer and expectation let us present our needs before God with confidence.

Reader:

That with eager longing for the return of the Lord we may prepare for him by building a world of justice and peace:

Lord, hear us ...

That the gift of justice may transform our land, making secure the lives and dignity of the poor, the vulnerable, the elderly and the unborn:

Lord, hear us ...

That our parish community may grow in the bonds of faith, hope and charity,

Lord, hear us ...

That those who have not yet heard of the coming of Christ may come to know and believe the Good News:

Lord, hear us ...

That the sick and the lonely may find comfort in the saving Passion of the Lord,

Lord, hear us ...

That those who have died may be freed from sin and stand securely before the Son of Man:

Lord, hear us ...

Celebrant:

Let us seek the help of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, as we say, *Hail, Mary...*

Father, we wait in joyful hope for the coming of your Son. As you answer our prayers, make us holy, that we may greet him with eager hearts. Through Christ our Lord.