

Prayer of the Faithful (8 December 2024)

Priest: As we await the return of our Saviour, Jesus, we bring to the Father our prayers and concerns for the world, the Church and ourselves:

Readers:

1. For Pope Francis and all who exercise authority in the Church, that their efforts may inspire us to walk in the ways of the Lord. *(pause)*. Lord, hear us.
2. For governments and world leaders, that the Advent message of hope will move them to renew their efforts for peace and justice. *(pause)*. Lord, hear us.
3. For refugees, unwilling migrants and outcasts, that they may receive food, shelter and a generous welcome in their time of need. *(pause)*. Lord, hear us.
4. For all of us in our parish community, that we may find Advent to be a time of renewal and grace. *(pause)*. Lord, hear us.
5. For young people, that the excitement before Christmas morning will also be about celebrating Jesus's birthday. *(pause)*. Lord, hear us.
6. For those who feel far from the Lord Jesus, that this time before Christmas may be one when they will feel his presence. *(pause)*. Lord, hear us.

The priest will add the final intercession for the faithful departed, mentioning names. Then he will conclude the Prayer of the Faithful...*through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

After this, all six readers may return to their seats.