

## Season of Advent : Sunday 1B

### General Intercessions

#### Priest

God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.  
In this season of hope, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

#### Reader

1. For the Church;  
that we may respond to God's word  
and let its message guide us as we begin the Season of Advent.

*PAUSE for silent prayer — at least five seconds. Repeat after each intention.*

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

2. For those who have wandered from their relationship with God;  
that the memories and hopes of this season  
will open a doorway to God, who loves them.
3. For all who are suffering from violence, famine, persecution or neglect;  
that God will destroy the bonds that hold them  
and open the door of mercy and compassion for them.
4. For all who are ill;  
that God will heal the sick, give strength to those who care for them,  
and guide all who are working on the vaccines.
5. For all who are awaiting the birth of a child;  
that God will bless these expectant parents,  
fill their hearts with love,  
and help their children to grow and mature.
6. For the faithful departed and those who mourn;  
that the hope of Christ our Saviour will shine in their hearts.
7. Let us ask our Blessed Mother to take our prayers to Jesus her Son: Hail, Mary, ..

#### Priest

Rend the heavens and come down,  
O God of all the ages!  
Rouse us from sleep,  
deliver us from our heedless ways,  
and form us into a watchful people,  
that, at the advent of your Son,  
he may find us doing what is right,  
mindful of all you command.  
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.