

Season of Advent : Sunday 1C

Poor parishes collection

General Intercessions

Priest

The Lord is good and upright, showing the path to those who stray.
In this season of hope, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For the Church:
as we await the coming of our Lord,
we pray for the graces of honesty, integrity, love, and faith.

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

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

2. For the people and clergy of the poor parishes in our diocese;
that their communities of faith may grow strong in Christ.
3. For all who suffer from depression, or who have contemplated suicide:
that God will lift their darkness, give them hope,
and help them to face the future.
4. For all who live amidst violence and bloodshed:
may the blood of those who have died
spur the living to greater efforts to establish peace and justice everywhere.
5. For all those who are sick, and for those who care for them:
may they feel the Lord's presence near them.
6. For all who have died, especially those in our parish:
may they know the joy of the glory of God in heaven.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of Our Lord, to join her petitions with ours: Hail, Mary...

Priest

Almighty God,
strengthen the resolve of your faithful people
to prepare for the coming of your Christ by works of justice and mercy,
so that when we go forth to meet him
he may call us to sit at his right hand
and possess the kingdom of heaven.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.