

Season of Advent : Sunday 2A

General Intercessions

Priest

Just as John the Baptist was chosen by God
to prepare the way for Jesus to come into the world by acts of repentance,
so we ask for the grace to be truly ready
for the coming of our Saviour this Christmas.

Reader

1. For Jews, Christians, and Moslems, who all honour Abraham our father in faith;
that the wisdom of God will lead us in the ways of peace.

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

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

2. We pray that the church may be a sign of love and forgiveness
as it prepares a way for the Lord's coming;
and that people everywhere will open their hearts to Christ,
by working to build their lives based on honesty and repentance.
3. As we hear daily of families being torn apart by tragedy,
we pray that the God of peace and compassion
will give them hope and comfort;
we remember especially the people of Ukraine
as they face Christmas fighting for their freedom.
4. We pray that, this advent, we may find time for Christ in our lives;
so that we will be ready to welcome him with true Christian joy.
5. We pray for the lonely and the sick:
that the joy of Advent may shine in their lives,
and that they may experience God's love through those who care for them,
6. We pray for all our departed relatives and friends:
that they may enjoy true and lasting happiness with God in heaven.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of our Saviour, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary ...

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Almighty and merciful God,
do not let our earthly concerns
keep us from hastening to meet your Son,
but teach us that heavenly wisdom
which makes us his true companions.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.