

Season of Advent : Sunday 2B

General Intercessions

Priest

Just as John the Baptist called for repentance,
we ask God the Father to help us
towards a genuine desire to prepare a place for the Lord in our hearts.

Reader

1. For the Church that, like John the Baptist,
we may send a sign of love and forgiveness to the world,
as we prepare a way for the Lord's coming.

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

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

2. For all world leaders;
that they will make the right decisions for the people they lead
by striving to build on world-based honesty
and always work towards justice and peace.
3. We pray that the events of the last few months
may make us all more appreciative of one another,
guide us to peace and harmony in our homes and hearts,
and honesty in our dealings with one another
4. For the sick and infirm of our community,
that they will share in the hope and joy of the Advent season
5. Let us remember those who have died recently,
especially those in our own parish,
that they may enjoy their eternal reward in heaven.
6. We ask Mary, Mother of our Saviour to join her prayers to ours: Hail, Mary, ...

Priest

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.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.