

Season of Advent : Sunday 3A
SVP collection
General Intercessions

Priest

The Lord keeps faith for ever; is just to those who are oppressed.
In this season of hope we pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For the Church; for Pope Francis, all bishops, priests and religious:
may they be blessed with a spirit of wisdom and insight.

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

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

2. For all teachers:
may they be filled with enthusiasm and a sense of wonder to inspire the young people in their care.
3. For doctors, nurses, and all health-care workers, to whom we owe so much:
may they receive the recognition they so richly deserve,
and may the Lord bless them in their endeavours.
4. For the sick in both body and mind:
may the Lord ease their pain and heal them,
and may they feel his loving presence with them.
5. For the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society,
especially in our own parishes:
that God will bless the members, and all that they do.
6. For all who have died, and those who are grieving:
may they trust God's promise that we will be gathered into the glory of heaven.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of our expected Lord, to join her prayers with ours:
Hail, Mary, ...

Priest

Gracious God,
your people look forward in hope
to the festival of our Saviour's birth.
Give us strength to reach that happy day of salvation,
and to celebrate it with hearts full of joy.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.