

Season of Christmas : Second Sunday after Christmas General Intercessions

Priest

Before the world was made,
God chose us to live through love in his presence.
In this season of hope, we pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. We pray this coming year for Pope Francis, and all religious leaders:
that they may inspire many people to work together
to build a global community of justice, peace and compassion.

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

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

2. For an end to the Coronavirus pandemic:
may God bless all those who continue to research
and produce the best treatments;
and those who work so hard, sometimes at risk to themselves,
to support people in their time of need.
3. For world and local leaders:
that they may co-operate in peace
and with an ever-greater understanding of the real needs
of the people they are called to serve.
4. For those who face job insecurity in a time of world economic uncertainty:
that they may find work, fair wages, and a hope-filled future.
5. For the sick and housebound of our parishes:
that they may feel God's love through those who help and care for them.
6. For all those who have died, especially in our own families,
and who are held close to our hearts.
7. Let us ask Mary, our Mother, to join with us in our prayers: Hail, Mary ...

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All-powerful and ever-living God,
glory of those who believe in you,
fill the world with your splendour
and show every nation the radiance of your light.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.