

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CYCLE A

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: John the Baptist called people to repentance. He prepared a way for the Lord. We make these petitions as we prepare to welcome Christ our Savior.

Our response is: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. That the leaders of the Church, especially Pope Francis, Bishop Paul, priests and religious may continue to inspire people to turn towards God and away from sinful ways, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. That men and women entrusted with authority will make justice flourish in our time, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. That we may hear and take to heart the call to repent and to accept the forgiveness offered by God's only Son, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. That all those who endure suffering, rejection, or loneliness may find the fullness of peace in the coming of our Savior, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. That the faith we profess with our lips may bear fruit in our deeds, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Priest: God, our Father, when your only Son was to come into this world we were given hope of salvation. With that same hope, we trust you will grant our petitions, which we make through Christ our Lord. Amen.