

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
CYCLE A
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: The Father promised to send his Son into the world as our Savior. As we prepare for his coming at Christmas, let us offer our prayers to the Father who gives bread to the hungry and sets prisoners free.

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

1. That the leaders of our Church, especially Pope Francis, Bishop Paul, and all clergy, convey God's plan of salvation through the coming his Son, Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. That the Church may await the Lord's coming with hope and courage, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. That those who have closed their minds to the Good News may return to the community of the faithful, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. That those who trust in the Lord may not lose heart, but be renewed in faith, no matter what they suffer, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. That, in our community, strangers, widows and those most in need may be supported by our generosity and care, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Priest: Most loving Father, hear the petitions of your people, waiting in faith and hope for the coming of our Savior, whose splendor brings us everlasting joy. We ask this, through Christ our Lord. Amen.