

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (1)**

**CYCLE A**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Priest:** God is with us. Therefore, like Mary ever-virgin, let us pray with faith and confidence, opening wide our hearts to all human needs.

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

1. That the leaders of our Church, especially Pope Francis and Bishop Paul, may ever provide pastoral care for people on different pilgrimages of faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. That Christmas may bring a lasting peace among nations, especially in the Holy Land and those involved in conflict, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. That people busily preparing for Christmas may still find the God who is with us, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. That, amidst the feasting and exchange of gifts, we will not forget the poor, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. That the prayers of Our Lady and St. Joseph may help the faithful departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Priest:** Come, Lord God, in the power of your love. Through our prayers for others, remove any obstacle preventing us from going to meet Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.