

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
CYCLE B
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: If “nothing is impossible to God,” with confidence we can make our prayers for this world, through the powerful intercession of Mary, our model of faith and hope.

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

1. That Pope Francis, Bishop Paul, all priests and clergy may effectively proclaim the unlimited possibilities contained in our faith to the people of the universal community, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. For the nations where atheistic or secularist ideologies restrict religious freedom, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. For people overwhelmed with problems who no longer believe that the Good News can be for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. For the grace of perfect trust in God, like the Virgin of Nazareth, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. For all the departed who await the reign of Christ that will have no end, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: God our Father, as Christmas draws near, we bring these prayers before you, assisted by blessed Mary, ever-virgin, your faithful handmaid, the Mother of your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Response: *Amen*