

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**CYCLE A**  
**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** At the beginning of the new Church year, let us intercede for others. Our charity shows that we are watching and waiting for the glorious coming of our Savior.

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

1. That this season of vigil may find all members of the Church drawn to prayer and penance, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. That all world leaders may realize that the destiny of nations is in God's control, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. That God's grace may touch hearts hardened by the cares of life, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. That we may look to the future, not in fear, but in hope and confidence, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. That the Son of Man may grant his salvation to those who have died, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** Graciously hear the prayers of your family, most merciful Father. Amidst all the turmoil and change in our lives, we wait for the coming of your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.