

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT [YEAR B]

Celebrant: Let us call upon our faithful God
in the name of his beloved Son
through whom we are enriched with every grace.

Together we pray, saying: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. That the gifts of Christ's Spirit
may strengthen the Church and her leaders
to be Christ's faithful witnesses
until He comes again.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. That the peace of Christ
may free nations from greed, hatred and violence.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. That the courage of Christ
may free the sick, the hospitalized, and the struggling
from difficulty and fear.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. That the power of Christ
might heal our hearts of sin and selfishness
and keep us watchful in prayer
and steadfast in love.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. That the light of Christ's face
may bring salvation to the faithful departed.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant:

Hear us, O God our Saviour,
and grant that we might prepare ourselves
by faith and love
for the coming of Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Response: *Amen.*