

3 December 2023
First Sunday of Advent Year B
Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: Dear friends, Jesus encourages us to look forward to our final liberation. With strength and confidence let us pray for the salvation of the world.

1. For Pope Francis, Anthony our bishop, all bishops, priests and religious. May they be granted the grace to guide the Church in truth and in love; so that by their example all Catholics may be encouraged to live as Christ's witnesses to a pagan world. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
2. For Holy Catholic Church that Jesus established. May she be recognised as the beacon calling all to repentance, eventually bringing many to the fullness of the joy of living in God's love. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
3. For our catechists who labour to spread the Good News to children in our state schools. May they model themselves after the Blessed Virgin Mary and never tire of saying yes to God. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
4. For the peoples of the world and their leaders. May the promise of Christ's return bring a new dawn of justice and peace among nations. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
5. May the joy of Christians at the imminent coming of Christ spread to all peoples irrespective of their backgrounds spurring all to unite in peace and harmony. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
6. Grant patience, healing and comfort to those who are sick and suffering: Toby Tang, May Seto. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
7. Let us pray for the souls of our recently departed relatives and friends: Rita Goncalves Cunha, Gertrudes Abingan, Fortunato Padil, Basilia Pili, Lourdes Siao, Lau Yuk Ling, Rafael Vallejo, Gus del Villar, Rosalyn Lukey, Kin Zarro, Romulo Villanueva, Mafe Bryeire, Fred Perera.

Pray for those whose death anniversary occurs about now.

Pray also for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

Priest: Faithful and ever-living God, you promise us the fulfilment of all our hopes. Keep us awake and alert for the coming of the Son of Man. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.