

10 December 2023
Second Sunday of Advent Year B
Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: John the Baptist called people to repentance. He prepared a way for the Lord. This Advent season, may we prepare a way for Christ our Saviour by opening our hearts and transforming our souls according to God's will as we make these petitions.

1. We pray for Pope Francis, our bishop Anthony, all bishops, priests and religious. May they never tire of calling all people to conversion, especially exhorting Catholics to frequent the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
2. For the Catholic Community. May we have an awareness of our need for repentance, examining our words and actions constantly, regretting the evil that we do to others or provoke others to do and resolving to make amends to God and to our brothers and sisters. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
3. For all Christians. John the Baptist is God's messenger who prepared the way of the Lord. May we aspire to be more like John, steadfast in our mission to proclaim God's love and mercy, living witnesses of the Gospel and pointing out the way to eternal life. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
4. For all people. May all come to believe in the Trinitarian God who is God of Hope, source of peace and consolation and worship him in this life and the next. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
5. Grant patience, healing and comfort to those who are sick and suffering: baby Josip, Dazelle Duma, Khaishra Duma, Mary Eileen Kennedy, Charles Whytecombe, Toby Tang. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
6. Let us pray for the souls of our recently departed relatives and friends: Maria Kazimiera Luszczuk, Elvis Vaz, Francis Stickney, Luisito Concepcion, Zenaida Rivera, Rita Goncalves Cunha, Gertrudes Abingan, Fortunato Padil, Basilia Pili, Lourdes Siao, Lau Yuk Ling, Rafael Vallejo, Gus del Villar, Rosalyn Lukey, Kin Zarro, Fred Perera.

Pray for those whose death anniversary occurs about now: Margarida Cameirao, Luigi Tedesco, Lamerto Lorenzo.

Pray also for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and the souls of Joseph George Sakr, Mary Sakr, Lambros Ahilas, Meliton Saingan, Mercedes Saingan, Guilbert Saingan, those who died in the Holy Land. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

Priest: God our Father, when your only Son came into the world, our hope of eternal salvation was given life. With that same hope, we trust in your mercy to grant our petitions, which we make through Christ, our Lord. Amen.