

17 December 2023
Third Sunday of Advent Year B
Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: John the Baptist came as “a witness to speak for the light”, a voice crying in the wilderness. As we prepare for the coming of the Light, we ask the Father to hear our prayers.

1. We pray for Francis our pope, Anthony our bishop, all bishops, priests and religious. May they take John as their model: filled with the Holy Spirit, on fire for God’s truth, and eager to lead the people of God on the path to sanctification. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
2. “The family that prays together, stays together.” May the members of our families be united in prayer and love; and under Mary’s motherly influence may peace reign in our homes. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
3. For all parents. May they be unwavering in following the Light of Christ and may their children be their joy on earth and their crown of glory in heaven. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
4. For all children. May they have the fortitude to resist the temptations of the world, grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and faithfully serve him here on earth and rejoice in his presence in the life hereafter. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
5. Grant patience, healing and comfort to those who are sick and suffering: Guy Cassar, baby Josip, Dazelle Duma, Khaishra Duma, Mary Eileen Kennedy, Charles Whytecombe. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
6. Let us pray for the souls of our recently departed relatives and friends: Roslyn Lukey, Noel Ryan, Graciano Valdeabella, Maria Kazimiera Luszczyk, Elvis Vaz, Francis Stickney, Luisito Concepcion, Zenaida Rivera, Fred Perera.

Pray for those whose death anniversary occurs about now: Remigio Colussi, Regina, Gregorio Sr.

Pray also for the souls of Maria Elena, Kathleen Mercer, Alan Mercer, Janice Mercer, Maria Di Matteo, Angelo Di Matteo and the Holy Souls in Purgatory. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

Priest: Eternal God, you love each one of us through the ages. In this time of Advent teach us to love the things of heaven and detach ourselves from the things of this world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.