

Celebrant: As a people of hope, we bring our prayers and petitions before the Lord.

- 1 For Pope Francis and all leaders of our Church: may their words of peace and goodwill in this season of Advent be heard and heeded throughout the world.
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
Lord hear our prayer.
- 2 For civil and political leaders: may they share the vision of proclaiming the hope and peace promised by Jesus. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 3 For all who live in fear and confusion: that whether they are rich or poor, refugee or famous, they may encounter the light of Christ that will show them the way forward to a fuller life. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 4 For the children making their Confirmation this weekend: open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that you have begun in them.
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 5 For our faith community: during this season of Advent, may the Spirit of Hope open our hearts to God's message of goodwill, especially within families.
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 6 We pray for our sick relatives and friends, and for all who feel forgotten in their hour of need. We pray for those who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they enjoy eternal peace in God's kingdom.
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
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**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.**