

**PRESIDER**

Dear friends, John the Baptist calls us again to prepare for the Lord's coming. With keen Advent hope, let us pray for our waiting world.

**READER**

We pray for Pope Francis and our Australian Bishops. May they witness to the founded hope for new life in Christ this Advent Season. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the world-wide community of Christian believers. May they be a joyful sign of God's boundless mercy to all. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for ourselves. May the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (8 December) set Mary before us as a sign of God's unfailing love for all. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who seek out the sacrament of reconciliation in Advent. May they be blessed with the grace of repentance, forgiveness and freedom of heart. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for students completing a significant stage of their education at this time. May they readily find pathways to employment or further study. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they join the saints and give glory to God for ever. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Faithful God, through this season of prayer and promise you give us fresh heart. Send us forth as heralds of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.