

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.

READER

We pray for parish communities in every place, that they be a leaven of Advent hope and peace amid the anxieties of the world. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the people of Cyprus and Greece, that Pope Francis' visit this week will encourage them to work for social and spiritual renewal. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Jewish people around the world, that this week's celebration of Hannukah will confirm their faith in God's covenant love for them. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for women and children trafficked into slavery, that on-going international efforts to abolish human servitude will secure their freedom. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all people living with disabilities, that their gifts will enrich the community and call us to a deeper embrace of our shared humanity. (Pause for silent prayer)

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be gathered into the glory of God for ever. (Pause for silent prayer) 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.