

Year A – First Sunday in Advent

Brothers and sisters, as this special season of Advent focuses our minds on the Lord's first coming and His imminent return, let us present to Him our needs and the needs of the whole world:

That the Church may effectively prepare God's people for the return of the Son of Man.

Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

That government leaders may govern according to the Word of God and work tirelessly for justice, which is the foundation of peace.

Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

That Christians will prepare for the Lord's coming by fostering a holy respect for all human life.

Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

That we may remain faithful, alert and clothed in the righteousness of Christ as we prepare for His promised return.

Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

That the poor, the sick and the lonely may be comforted and assisted by God's people.

Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

That we will put away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

For our own special intentions. **(Pause)**

Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Faithful Father, hear our prayer, rouse us from our sleep and give us the grace to prepare ourselves for Christ's return. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.