

General intercessions
Third Sunday of Advent (A)

Celebrant: God's word asks us to await all the good things that our Saviour brings. With confidence we make our needs known to Him.

Reader:

That we may offer to the world the patience it needs to await the coming of the Lord of justice, peace and life:

Lord, hear us ...

That all who suffer, or who are persecuted or unjustly imprisoned for their Christian faith, may be sustained by their hope in the coming of the Lord:

Lord, hear us ...

That our national and local governments may foster harmony, authentic dialogue and sincere concern for all people:

Lord, hear us ...

That the joy of the Lord's coming may strengthen all pregnant mothers to welcome and nurture the new life that God has entrusted to them:

Lord, hear us ...

That those who are sick or suffering may find in the promise of Christ's coming both strength and joy:

Lord, hear us ...

That all who have died may experience the heavenly life brought by the coming of the Saviour:

Lord, hear us ...

Celebrant:

Let us seek the prayers of Mary Immaculate, as we say: *Hail Mary...*

Father, as you hear our prayers, give us patience and lead us to the joy of eternal salvation. Through Christ our Lord.