

Prayers of the Faithful - 23.12.17. Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Priest: My dear friends, in this time of preparation we remember how Mary believed in God completely, took his Word to her heart and became the mother of our Saviour. Let us pray to God that the men and women of our time will receive Christ in faith and love.

Reader: Deepen our faith as we await the birth of our Lord Jesus. May we be united as one and pray for unity and peace throughout the world. Lord hear us.....

Reader: Give us generosity of spirit remembering that the preparation for Christmas may also be a difficult time for many people. Lord hear us.....

Reader: We pray for the people of Yemen as they endure unbearable suffering due to cholera epidemic and starvation. We pray for the doctors and health organisations who volunteer to assist and supply much needed vaccines and food. Lord hear us.....

Reader: Comfort those who live with grief.....we pray for those suffering with illness, those who died this week and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Lord hear us.....

Reader: We pray for our own special needs and intentions in our hearts..... Lord hear us.....

Priest: Lord God, as we make our final preparations for the day of Christmas, help us to come closer to you by the depth of our faith and the greatness of our love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.