

Prayers of the Faithful

1st Sunday of Advent

1st and 2nd December 2018

PRIEST

Dear friends, on this first day of the church's new year we look ahead in hope to the coming of Christ. Putting our trust in his word, let us pray for the whole of creation.

1. For all who are made anxious by the troubling uncertainties of our time, that God's Spirit will give them hope and courage and prompt them to effective action.
LORD HEAR US
2. For ourselves, our families and our friends, that this season of Advent will be a time of peaceful prayer and renewed hope.
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3. As we begin a new Church year we focus on inclusiveness, the first of our parish values, and reflect on how we can give it life in both in our parish community and in our daily lives.
LORD HEAR US
4. In December 1948, in the aftermath of World War Two, wise women and men saw the need for a Universal Charter of Human Rights and had the courage to campaign for its implementation: May its message, as vital now as it was then, be heard and heeded anew..
LORD HEAR US
5. Let us pray for our own special intentions. . . . (Pause)
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6. We pray for everyone who is seriously ill or injured, for those weighed down by injustice or sorrow, for all who died this week, and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time. LORD HEAR US → *Thelma Hannahford*

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Loving God our Saviour, in faith we look for your Son to bring all things to fulfilment. Help us wait in patience and grow in love day by day. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.