

Prayers of the Faithful: 3rd Sunday of Advent 2018

PRIEST:

My dear friends, in this time of Advent we prepare for the coming of our Saviour who brings freedom to the oppressed. Let us pray to God that his Son may be welcome in our world.

PEOPLE

1. On this third Sunday of Advent we hold hope in our hearts and prayers for the leaders of our church across the world. In particular we pray for and walk alongside bishops and leaders of religious congregations and institutes in Australia as they discern with courage and find means of working for healing, justice and renewal.....**LORD HEAR US.**
2. For those whose lives are beset by the enduring and painful memory of sexual abuse and physical violence: May their families, friends and supporters renew their trust and security in loving relationships. May all members of the Church be instruments of healing...**LORD, HEAR US**
3. For the children of Australia. May all families, institutions and social settings work together, to ensure the happiness of every child and create an environment of safety and protection where children flourish. Lord, hear us..... **LORD HEAR US**
4. As our faith is challenged in so many ways today, let us hold heart and unite in our commitment the upcoming Plenary Council and to a journey of faith in which we are all witnesses speaking for the light.....**LORD HEAR US**
5. We pray for the grace of renewal for all our young people particularly for those people whose Christian faith and hope are being challenged....**LORD HEAR US**
6. We pray at this special time that those whose minds are no longer connected to the true meaning of Christmas may find the faith and joy that re-connects them to the wonders and hope in this sacred time....**LORD HEAR US**
7. Let us pray for our own special intentions. (Pause)..... **LORD HEAR US**
8. We pray for all who are ill, those who are suffering, those who are dying, for those who died recently, and for the family and friends around them who suffer such sadness, grief and loss.....**LORD HEAR US**

PRIEST:

Almighty God, you showed your love and care for the human family when your Son became man. Help us to reveal your love for the world ad to care for one another. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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