

First Sunday of Advent, Cycle B

Celebrant: In the spirit of the prophet Isaiah, we gather our thoughts and prayers with hope and humbly call on God to help us in our needs.

Deacon/Lector:

That Church leaders may they be blessed with wisdom and holiness to guide the Church in this season of Advent, we pray to the Lord...

That peace will flourish among nations afflicted by war and strife, and for the leaders of those nations, we pray to the Lord...

That Christians may follow the Gospel mandate to "Be on guard" against all forms of disrespect for the sanctity of human life, we pray to the Lord...

That all people will seek justice and have compassion for the poor and hungry of our world, we pray to the Lord...

That our hearts will be filled with joy as we prepare for the birth of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord...

That those who have died may be granted the peace of God's kingdom, we pray to the Lord...

Celebrant:

Almighty Father,
as we look forward to the coming of your Son,
fill us with your mercy and answer our prayers.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen