

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

3rd Sunday of Advent

PRIEST: As we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ
let us turn to the Father with our petitions and prayers:

READER: **For Pope Francis and the Church throughout the world,
that all will be blessed as they continue their mission
of joyfully proclaiming the Gospel to the ends of the earth.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our world, that financial concerns about the economic situation
will not overshadow the urgent needs of the poor.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are burdened with worry or loneliness,
that the joy of the Lord will bless them
with the gifts of thankfulness and praise**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all held captive by addiction, debt or trafficking,
that the Holy Spirit will release them and restore them to wholeness.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all of us gathered here
that we may always be models of faith for our world.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the sick, the suffering, the bereaved
and for all whose lives are overshadowed by anxiety,
that they may find strength, support, compassion and peace.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God our Father,
you have made us your daughters and sons
in Jesus Christ.
Help us to live by that truth as we await his coming.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.