

Advent 1 (2 December 2018)  
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

1. We pray for Christians throughout the world; that we be fervent signs of Christ's ongoing presence by our witness on behalf of all who suffer injustice; and for the grace of inner joy and patient endurance ... we pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for the strength to reject hatred, pessimism, and fear by expressing instead love, hope, and compassion for all people, especially those who challenge our beliefs, or shake our convictions ... we pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for the wisdom and generosity to practice our Christian faith without dismissing or diminishing those who believe or think differently; and for eagerness to discern our common values and strengths ... we pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for an experience of advent that is prayerful, inspiring, and spiritually nourishing; for a deeply enriching joy that transcends the commercialism and sentimentalism that surrounds us ... we pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for courage to address the serious issues of caring for our Earth for future generations; that we recognize the power of shared responsibility to conserve and preserve our natural resources ... we pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for our loved ones who are sick, those undergoing medical treatment; those in nursing care, and in hospice care; and for those who struggle with mental health issues, chronic pain, disability, and addiction; we pray also for Gertrude Hughes; Fr. Ed Cardoza, Kathleen Snead; Bob Weber;  

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... for healing and comfort in their physical weakness ... we pray to the Lord.
7. We pray for our loved ones who have died, those we remember fondly, and those whom no one remembers; and for the forgotten victims of war, random violence, and natural disasters; we pray also for Michael Bowman; Anita Riley; Paul McEnery (mac-E-ne-ri); Don Kamienski; Carol Pardee; the deceased members of the Waalkes and Reid families;  

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... that they find their place at the eternal wedding banquet ... we pray to the Lord.