

Advent 1 (28 November 2021)  
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 desire to reject hatred, pessimism, and fear by sharing instead love, hope, and compassion to all people, especially toward 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 from us; and 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 our loved ones who are sick, those afflicted with the coronavirus and those undergoing medical treatment; those in nursing and hospice care; and those who struggle with mental health issues, chronic pain, disability, and addiction; we pray also for  
Linda Dean; Pat Noonan; Fr. Eric Vogt; Angel Knous; Brian Bickers;  
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... for healing and comfort in their physical weakness ... we pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for our loved ones who have died, those we remember fondly, and those whom no one remembers; for the forgotten victims of war, random violence, and natural disasters; and for those whose names are in our book of remembrance; we pray also for  
Virginia & Ray Trykowski; Alice Christman;  
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... that they find their place at the eternal wedding feast ... we pray to the Lord.