

## *PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL*



### **Advent – Fourth Sunday**

***Celebrant:*** ... *As the celebration of Christ's birth approaches, we pray with confidence for those in need, asking the Lord to hear our prayer and grant comfort and help.*

***Reader:*** ... *We pray for all who profess the Christian faith, that with open hearts they may embrace the grace of our Saviour. ... Lord, in your mercy.*

***Rd.*** ... *We pray for all who feel depressed, unloved, without hope: that Christmas will bring them the peace and joy of knowing God's love for them. ... Lord, in your mercy.*

***Rd.*** ... *We pray for all those damaged by poverty and violence and the break-up of family life: may God give them hope and healing. . . Lord, in your mercy.*

***Rd.*** ... *We pray for our relatives and friends coming home for Christmas, that they may travel safely and find rest here in their native place. ... Lord, in your mercy.*

***Rd.*** ... *We pray for those we know who have died, may the Lord welcome them into the fullness of life in his heavenly home. ... Lord, hear us.*

***Celebrant:*** ... *God, our Father, as you filled the life of Mary with grace, grant your blessing to us and to all people, and keep us always in your love, and mindful of the needs of others. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*