

**Prayer of the Faithful
4th Sunday of Advent
December 18 - 19, 2021**

Presider: As we near the end of our Advent journey, we offer our prayers with hearts made ready to walk forward to experience the joyful celebration of our Savior's birth.

Lector:

For the Church, may we come to fully appreciate all that it means for our own day to proclaim, in the words of the Pope St. Paul VI, that *Mary was the first and most perfect of Christ's disciples*, we pray...

For world leaders, may they collaboratively ensure better care for our planet and may they work diligently and diplomatically for an end to war and terrorism, fostering a lasting peace among all nations, we pray...

For our country's political leaders, may they be ready to put partisanship aside to work for what is best for the nation and for the human flourishing of all God's people, we pray...

For our St. Ignatius parish community, may we always be ready, like Mary, to be hearers and doers of the Word, bringing Christ to others and seeing all things new in him, we pray...

For the sick, the dying, those who mourn and all those who have need of our prayers, may they experience the favor of God and know of the nearness of Jesus and Mary, we pray...

For all our beloved dead, among them Nicholas J., John V., and Jennie Lamberti, Eleanor Budic, Michelle A. Shay, John James McGillis, Jr., Mary E. Ruth, Kelly Quinn Eskridge, Theresa Woernle, and Ediberto Castillo, may they receive the blessedness promised to us in Christ Jesus, we pray...

Presider: O Emmanuel, through the intercession of Mary may our prayers be fulfilled and may you bless us with peaceful hearts and loving spirits as we await in joyful hope your coming as Savior who lives and reigns forever and ever. AMEN.