

Prayers of the Faithful
First Sunday of Advent
December 1 – 2, 2018

Presider: Desiring to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones, we present our prayers and ask for God's justice, mercy and grace.

Lector:

For the Church, that in the face of distress, fear, anxiety and a sense of ecclesiastical crisis, we may steadfastly proclaim the sure and certain hope of God's promised redemption in and through Jesus, the Christ, we pray...**Lord hear our prayer.**

For the world, may justice and righteousness flower anew among nations made desolate by war, conflict, violence or division, we pray...**Lord hear our prayer.**

December 2nd marks the 38th anniversary of tragic murder in El Salvador of Maryknoll sisters, Maura Clarke and Ita Ford, Ursuline sister, Dorthy Kazel and lay missionary Jean Donovan, may their witness continue to inspire us to work for peace, justice and reconciliation, we pray...**Lord hear our prayer.**

For all those throughout the world living with HIV/AIDS as we mark the 30th anniversary of World AIDS Day, may they remain courageous and may care and treatment be readily available for them and for all those needing medical attention of any kind, we pray...**Lord hear our prayer.**

For our St. Ignatius Parish community, may our journey through Advent strengthen our hearts and renew us individually and as a faith community, we pray...**Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, among them we remember those martyred in El Salvador, those who have died of HIV/AIDS, and for Sarita Bhalotra, Maria Guadalupe Pacciti, Madeline McHenry, Martin M. Green, Joel Rivera, and Robert Burns, may they know of and enjoy the presence of the Lord our Justice, we pray...**Lord hear our prayer.**

Presider: God of compassion, during this Advent season of preparation, fill us with your grace so that we may increase and abound in love for one another and for all in and through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**