

Prayers of the Faithful
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21 – 22, 2019

Presider: As this year's Advent Season soon draws to a close, let us offer heartfelt prayers filled with anticipation of the coming of our Savior, our Emmanuel...

Lector:

For the church throughout the world, may we, like St. Joseph, be just and compassionate, always going beyond the letter of the law...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the nations of the world, may we seek true peace and justice...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our country, may the wounds of political division soon be healed...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the unemployed, may they be able to secure meaningful work for a just wage...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all parents awaiting the birth of a child, may they find God's presence in the wonder of childbirth...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our St. Ignatius Parish Community, may our welcoming spirit, our prayer-filled worship and our devoted witness to Jesus Christ draw others to our Catholic faith and community...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those experiencing financial hardship, for those who mourn or are sick and for those who feel burdened in any way during the upcoming holidays, may they be comforted in knowing that God is with them...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, among them Helena Lee, Mickie Teetor, Stancil Benedict, The Regolino Family, and Mary Dafarra, may they ascend the mountain of the Lord to see the face of God...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider: God of heaven and earth, hear our prayers and prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Emmanuel who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.
AMEN.