

Response to the Petition during Advent and Christmas

In Advent, parishes might think of altering the response to the petitions of the Prayer of the Faithful, perhaps even singing it.

A sung or recited response for Advent and Christmas might be: CBW III no. 267 with the words: *Come, Lord Jesus, Come.*

When the response is sung, the petition may end with one of the following:

Come, Lord, and save us.

Come, Lord, and free us.

Come, Lord, and visit us.

Come, Lord, and heal us.

Come, Lord, and show us your mercy.

When the response is recited, the petition may end with one of the following:

For your mercy, Lord, we pray.

Or:

With longing hearts, we pray.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

First Sunday of Advent - Year C

Invitation to Prayer:

**My brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the turmoil and uncertainty of the world
we pray to God with faith and hope
for peace in the hearts of all believers,
the salvation for all people,
and the needs of the Church.**

Concluding Prayer:

**Come, O God our Saviour,
and hear the prayers of your watchful people.
Hasten the day of justice and freedom
when Christ will come in power and glory
and reveal your loving kindness,
through your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

Or:

**Come, O faithful God,
through the distress and worries of this life
and uphold the promise of your covenant.
Hear our prayers
and remain close to your people,
that we may ever know your compassion.
Then, vigilant in prayer and good works,
we may be alert to the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

First Sunday of Advent - Year C – December 4, 2018

1. For the Church, bold witness to the nearness of God's salvation
in the midst of the world;
for the bishops, priests and deacons who serve in this Archdiocese of Kingston
and preach the redeeming mercy of Christ;
and for all seeking a new beginning or waiting for redemption.
Come, Lord, and save us.

2. For the world, weary of war, and longing for justice and peace;
for nations made desolate by conflict and violence;
and for a spirit of rejoicing in Christ, the Prince of Peace and Light of the nations.
Come, Lord, and save us.

3. For those searching for hope amidst despair,
love in the midst of hatred, and tolerance amidst prejudice;
for those apprehensive about their jobs or the cares of life;
and for people who hunger and thirst for food or justice.
Come, Lord, and save us.

4. For the sick, the homebound and the hospitalized;
for seniors and all parishioners with failing health;
and for caregivers and those who speak words of hope or bring deeds of love.
Come, Lord, and save us.

5. For the spiritual and physical welfare of all parishioners;
for those who have died recently,

and for those who mourn.
Come, Lord, and save us.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

First Sunday of Advent - Year C – December 4, 2018

1. *Deacon:* Let us pray for the Church, bold witness to the nearness of God's salvation in the midst of the world:

Reader: For Christians throughout the world who speak of God's presence in our midst;
for the bishops, priests and deacons who serve in this Archdiocese of Kingston
and preach the redeeming mercy of Christ;
and for all seeking a new beginning or waiting for redemption.
Come, Lord, and save us.

2. *Deacon:* Let us pray for the world, weary of war, and longing for justice and peace:

Reader: For nations made desolate by conflict and violence;
for love where there is hatred, and tolerance amidst prejudice;
and for a spirit of rejoicing in Christ, the Prince of Peace and Light of the nations.
Come, Lord, and save us.

3. *Deacon:* Let us pray for people who are suffering at this time of year:

Reader: For those apprehensive about their jobs or the cares of life;
for all people who hunger and thirst for food or justice;
and for all who speak words of hope or bring deeds of love.
Come, Lord, and save us.

4. *Deacon:* Let us pray for the needs of our parish community:

Reader: For those who are homebound, hospitalized or awaiting surgery;
for seniors and all parishioners with failing health;
and for all families and caregivers.
Come, Lord, and save us.

5. *Deacon:* Let us pray for the spiritual and physical welfare of all parishioners:

Reader: For those who have died recently,
and for those who mourn.
Come, Lord, and save us.