

Prayers of the People: First Sunday in Advent – November 28, 2021

Isaiah 40:1 –8

Jeremiah 23:5 –6

Zechariah 9:9 –10

Haggai 2:6 –9

Isaiah 35:1 –6

Luke 1:26-35, 38

As we mark the start of Advent, let us join in prayer to our God, who is the source of all hope in our world, responding to “God of hope” with “Hear our prayer”. Let us pray.

God our creator, you love the world and all that you have made. Help us to respect and protect the Earth. Forgive us for our greed and cynicism. Grant us faith that you can restore a damaged creation as you work through us God of hope,

Hear our prayer

Jesus our Christ, you came to proclaim peace to all nations, showing your power not through violence, but through gentleness. We pray for all people around the world who are victims of violence, war, and natural disaster. We pray for those living and dying in poverty. We ask for your blessings on the millions who are refugees, forced to flee their homes. Guide us to bring your kingdom to Earth, a place of peace, safety, and plenty for all God of hope,

Hear our prayer

God our Father, you chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus and sent your angel Gabriel to bless her with this news. May we, your Church around the world, respond with Mary’s faith and humility to your call. Bless our St Barnabas congregation gathering in person and virtually. Today we pray especially for _____ (church ministry).

We also pray for your blessings on our Church leaders, Bishop Andrew, Bishop Kevin, Reverend Jeanette, Father David, Deacon Grace, Reverend Anita and Pastor Ivars. May they be blessed and refreshed by your presence in their lives..... God of hope,

Hear our prayer

Jesus our healer, we pray today for all who are suffering physically, mentally and spiritually, or who are in any kind of need. We ask for comfort and healing for:

Janet
Helen & Roy
Art
Emily
Tom

Liz
Iris & Lester
Eleanor
Bradley

and all others we now name in our hearts or aloud..... Strengthen the feeble hands and steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come" Let the hope of Christ bring comfort to all in need..... God of hope,

Hear our prayer

Eternal God, while human lives are short, your word is forever. We praise and thank you for your promise of eternal life for those who believe. We pray today especially for and we remember all of our loved ones who have died and who now see you face to face God of hope,

Hear our prayer

As we wait in hope for the coming of our Saviour during this blessed Advent season, we lift our prayers to you O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

Amen