

Bidding Prayers 4th Sunday of Advent (C)

PRIEST

For the salvation of the world, Christ came to do His Father's will. Mary conformed herself to that same will. Let us unite in prayer, accepting the will of the Father.

DEACON/READER

We pray for the whole Church: may we be ready to welcome the Saviour with the same joy and love as Mary, Elizabeth and John the Baptist.

Lord hear us

We pray that each of us is prepared to receive the Christ child into hearts free from sin this Christmas.

Lord hear us

As we reflect on the young Baptist who leapt in Elizabeth's womb at the greeting of Mary, we ask that the laws of our land will change so that every child in the womb is protected and welcomed into the world.

Lord hear us

That Christ, the Shepherd of His people, may guide the departed into His Kingdom. For those who have died recently [...] and for those whose anniversaries occur around now [...].

Lord hear us

We pray in silence with expectant hearts, knowing that the Lord is nearer **[PAUSE]**

We pray with Mary who gave flesh to God in her womb: Hail Mary....

PRIEST

Almighty God, Your Son came to do Your will, to make all things new. May our prayers extend His kingdom of mercy, peace and justice. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.