

UNIVERSAL PRAYER
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Celebrant: With all our heart and all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

Petitions

1. That God will give heavenly grace to all his people, and especially this congregation. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. That national and world leaders may work together to provide for the care of expectant mothers, especially those in crisis, through medical, social, foster, and adoption programs. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. That he will guide our minds and hearts so that we may strive to know his will and to follow it. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. That those who are anxious about their family, job, or livelihood may find hope in Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. We commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Mary our Mother, and **N.** our patron. Let us pray to the Lord.

Conclusion

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in this time when your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; so that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty, we may rise to life immortal. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**