

## **Prayers of Intercession (Prayers of the Faithful)**

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### **Sunday, December 3, First Sunday of Advent**

Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

For family caregivers: May they realize that in answering God's call to help a loved one, they truly are conducting themselves in a way that is pleasing to the Lord,  
we pray to the Lord.

### **Friday, December 8, Immaculate Conception of Mary**

Gn 3:9-15, 20/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Lk 1:26-38

For those caring for a child with special needs: Though at times greatly troubled and afraid, may they always find assurance in the words of the angel Gabriel that nothing is impossible for God,  
we pray to the Lord.

### **Sunday, December 10, Second Sunday of Advent**

Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

For members of our parish: That this Advent we will make the effort to become better at recognizing, thanking, and helping the family caregivers in our faith community,  
we pray to the Lord.

### **Sunday, December 17, Third Sunday of Advent**

Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

For spousal caregivers whose loved ones have dementia: That husband and wife, though at times experiencing anxiety, may always share the peace of God that surpasses all understanding,  
we pray to the Lord.

### **Sunday, December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

For caregivers whose loved one has recently died: May they find consolation and comfort knowing that this Christmas their loved one celebrates in a new and wondrous way with Jesus, Mary, Joseph and the angels,  
we pray to the Lord.

### **Monday, December 25, Christmas**

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25; Midnight: Is 9:1-6/ Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/ Ti 3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20; Day: Is 52:7-10/ Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

In thanksgiving for all those who care for a loved one: May their example inspire us to make room in our hearts and our lives for those in need,  
we pray to the Lord.

### **Sunday, December 31, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/

Lk 2:41-52

For those taking care of a loved one who is not a family member: May God richly bless them for helping their brother or sister in Christ,  
we pray to the Lord.