

PRIEST: Let us offer our petitions to the Eternal Father, who sent St John the Baptist to announce the coming of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. We turn to him with our needs.

READER: We pray for Leo, our Pope, and Bernard our Archbishop. May our leaders of faith give voice to the prophetic life of John the Baptist. May they voice the beauty of life and the hope for peace in our world. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for Archbishop Bernard as he celebrates the 16th anniversary of his Installation as Archbishop of the Birmingham Diocese, on December 8th; may the Holy Spirit be his guide and comfort, in times of need. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: Let us pray that we may embrace this Advent season as a time of sincere repentance, preparing our hearts to receive the Savior with renewed faith and love. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: For pray for our nation: that the Lord may guide the minds of those who govern, in order to promote the common good and assure justice for all. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray that those touched by shadows of bereavement, may feel themselves close to their dear ones, through him whose light even death could not overcome. We remember those who have died recently: Joy Smith, Anthony Herron, Antonio Albini, Mary Nicholls, Michael Donnelly, Seamus Manley, Phil Walsh, Barbara Bolton, Mary Rita Johnston and Anne Weir. We also remember those with anniversaries at this time. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We remember all who are sick, those in hospital and those who are housebound. We remember especially the sick of our own Parish, Angela Keating, Benjamín Wort, Lilian, Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Ken Shirley, Savio Baretto, Eddie Martin, Helen Brookes, Briege Williams, Jonathan Williams, Anthony O'Neill, Michael, Patrick, Aiden & Anne O'Donnell, Margaret Hughes, Paulina Samathar, Father Michael White, Breda Fleming, Juliana Benjamin, Kate Nelson, Wilson Cotton, Angela Hyland, Cornelius Callanan, Noreen O'Connor, Larry Perkins, and our families wherever they may be. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us: Hail Mary...Now let us pray for a few moments in silence for our own needs and intentions and for those intentions placed in the prayer box.

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, St John the Baptist preached repentance and the coming of Jesus Christ, your Son. Grant that, having welcomed his message of salvation, we may be found worthy to enter your kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.