

Universal Prayers | Advent | Year B

Week One

Reader: For the leaders of our country and the local community.
May we be willing to support them when they work towards
integrity and honesty in the community. [Pause] Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, graciously hear us or Lord hear our prayer.**

Reader: For those who are searching for a place of acceptance and love.
May we be willing to reach out with support to those in need.
[Pause] Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

WEEK TWO

Reader: For all those seeking to find a deeper relationship with God.
May they find the wonder of the gift of God's Spirit in a welcoming and
inclusive church community. [Pause] Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Reader: For those who are searching for the meaning of the birth of Christ.
May their experience of care and support through the words and actions of
those who believe in Jesus, bring them to an understanding of the gift of his
birth.
[Pause] Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

WEEK THREE

Reader: For peace in our hearts and the world.
May all those who profess the coming of Jesus as man at Christmas, live out
the harmony and love he brought to us by his birth.
[Pause] Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Reader: For those who experience depression and alienation especially at Christmas.
May they come to know the joy of God through the acceptance
and openness of His church. [Pause] Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

WEEK FOUR

Reader: For those families who are unable to celebrate the birth of Christ because of
poverty or homelessness. May the generosity of the community bring some
joy into their lives. [Pause] Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Reader: For each of us as we gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus.
'May we as servants of the Lord be willing to say.... "May his will be done."
[Pause] Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**