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Prayer of the Faithful

Response: "Lord, open our hearts."

May the Advent season be a time of inner quiet as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

May our anticipation of God's appearance among us as a newborn child renew our desire to be united with him when he comes at the end of time, let us pray to the Lord.

May the season of Advent be an occasion for a growing solidarity in our families, in our parishes, and in our communities, let us pray to the Lord.

May the message of Advent, that God's grace is at work in the world, move us to be agents of that grace in everything we do in our everyday lives, let us pray to the Lord.

May the renewal of our faith during this season and during Christmas encourage us to evangelize the world around us by being living examples of the unselfish love Jesus taught by word and example, let us pray to the Lord

May our expectation of the coming of the Son who called us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and visit the lonely strengthen our will to bring comfort and seek justice for those who are in need, let us pray to the Lord.