

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRIEST'S INTRODUCTION

Brethren, (Brothers and sisters,) as the Nativity of the Lord approaches, let our prayers be all the more insistent, because we know that Christ is near.

INTENTIONS

- 1. For N. our Pope, N. our Bishop, and all the clergy, that by an outpouring of God's grace, they may lead the Church in glad rejoicing for the Lord is near, we pray to the Lord.**
R. Lord hear our prayer.
- 2. For peace among all nations, that by the joys of Christ's coming, all peoples may turn from violence and embrace peace, we pray to the Lord.**
R. Lord hear our prayer.
- 3a. For the faint of heart and all who fear, that by the closeness of the Lord, they may be made strong, we pray to the Lord.**
R. Lord hear our prayer.
- 3b. For those who have fallen asleep, (especially N.) that by our prayers and supplications, they may come to rejoice with the Lord in heaven, we pray to the Lord.**
R. Lord hear our prayer.
- 4. For our own local community, that by the sacred mysteries in which we participate, we may be made joyful and cleansed of our faults, we pray to the Lord.**
R. Lord hear our prayer.

PRIEST'S PRAYER

Almighty and ever-living God, whose coming is the cause of joy, hear our prayers which we offer to you, and grant that the whole world may come to rejoice at your advent. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.