



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5th December 2021



INTRODUCTION:

Baruch recalls the prophecy of Isaiah to Jerusalem at the end of their Babylonian exile. He invites them to put away the garments of sorrow and affliction and be clothed in robes of righteousness. In the same way John the Baptist exhorts his community and all of us, to be ready for the coming of Jesus. In this Advent season, we shall have to fill up the valleys of our lives with virtues and level the mountains of our pride and sinfulness, to prepare the way.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: We shall ask the Lord to assist us in our preparation for the coming of the Messiah.

Our Response: COME LORD JESUS.

1. That the Church, under the guidance of the Pope, Bishops, priests, religious and faithful, may experience a sincere conversion of life, as we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we pray to the Lord... **R/-**
2. That all the baptized, through a committed journey of Synodality may join hands and hearts in searching for the right path that Jesus wants his Church to follow, we pray to the Lord... **R/-**
3. That all those who have abandoned God and religion, being blinded by false values of this world, may be helped to find their way back to Jesus, who alone can bring them true joy and peace. We pray to the Lord... **R/-**
4. That the Lord Jesus may reach out to each of our school and college going youngsters as they return to the serious task of their education after the disturbance of the Covid 19 pandemic, we pray to the Lord... **R/-**
5. We bring to Jesus our personal needs and intentions [pause] we pray to the Lord... **R/-**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father listen to the prayers your children bring to you with confidence, and grant what we need, through Christ Our Lord. Amen

PRAYER FOR RELIEF FROM THE CORONA VIRUS:

Almighty and merciful God, who show Your love to all creation everywhere, hear graciously the prayers we make for all those affected by the Corona Virus in various parts of the world.

We come before You asking for an efficacious control of the outbreak, for a healing of those affected, for the victims and their families.

We thank You for blessing the efforts of our research scientists working on the development of a vaccine. We pray that these vaccines will be effective in combating the virus and its mutants, and in controlling the spread of the pandemic. We pray that the vaccine be available for all our people even the poor and those in rural areas.

We pray for doctors, nurses and health workers who are in the frontline of this battle, that they be kept safe and have the strength and courage to continue their heroic efforts.

We pray for the Government and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.