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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



INTRODUCTION: John the Baptist is proclaiming "Reform your lives. God is near", "Prepare the way, make straight your paths", and "One more powerful than I is coming". Year after year, this is the message of Advent, which is a time of waiting while we prepare to take on a new way of life, according to God's Word.

READINGS:

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: The season of Advent is a time that calls us to prepare for the Lord's coming. Our prayer, as we advance through this season, is to be ever ready to constantly make room for Jesus in our hearts.

Our Response: **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

1. For Pope Francis, Bishops and priests: that they may never tire of leading God's people, to prepare themselves to meet the Lord in purity of heart. We pray to the Lord...
2. For ourselves and the Church, the body of Christ: that we may constantly be ready, with unwavering faith and glorious hope, to meet the Lord. We pray...
3. For all leaders in the Church and country: that they may live lives of uprightness, and act selflessly for the wellbeing of every person in their care. We pray...
4. For the sick and suffering in our community, and the world: that the coming of Jesus, may bring about health, freedom from violence and peace among all peoples. We pray...
5. For our personal needs and intentions [pause]. We pray...

Celebrant: Loving Father, fill us with the graces we need, as we prepare to welcome your Son Jesus into our hearts, more fully again this year. He who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen