

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

1st Sunday in Advent

3rd December 2017

Priest:

Turning to the Lord, who pours his grace into our hearts, let us bring our needs to him now.

Reader:

For the Church throughout the world: that in this Advent season, we may all become more attentive to God's call for us to be holy. *Lord, in your mercy*

For those who govern and lead us: may they do so with justice and integrity ever in mind. *Lord, in your mercy*

For those in need: that as we head into this grace-filled season, we will be open to the cry of those who are poor. *Lord, in your mercy*

For those who find it hard to believe that they are loved: that the divine potter will make his presence known to them. *Lord, in your mercy*

For those within the parishes of the Sacred Heart and St Pius X in Chew Magna and Withywood, we join together in prayer this weekend. We also pray for our partnership of St George's & St Teresa's all the Christian churches in the Taunton area. *Lord, in your mercy*

For those who have died recently especially, Declan Shorthall, Mary Nickolls, Nora Dool,, may they rest in everlasting peace and may the Lord give comfort to the bereaved. *Lord, in your mercy*

For the blessing of Mary, *Comfort of the Afflicted*, we pray: "*Hail Mary*"

Priest:

Heavenly Father, hear these prayers, and give us the grace to keep choosing you, for you are our Lord, and we are the work of your hand. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.