**Prayer of the Faithful**

First Sunday in Advent

29th November, 2020

**Introduction**

As we gather here today we are called by the psalmist to turn to God, to see God’s face. We see God in the way our prayers are answered so let us pray:

**Petitions**

1. We pray for the leaders of our Church, that during this time of Advent they will follow St Paul’s example and be grateful for how we have been enriched through the graces we have received through Jesus Christ.

(Pause) Lord hear us

1. We pray for the leaders of the world in this time of stress due to COVID-19 and economic recession that they may exercise their office for the work of peace and unity among all peoples.

(Pause)Lord hear us

1. We pray for those who are burdened with suffering, especially those who have COVID-19 and are unable to have their families with them. May the caring hands that support them show the evidence of God’s love.

(Pause) Lord hear us

1. We pray for the people gathered here today that we may be granted the grace to stay awake and to see the love of God in the events of our lives.

(Pause) Lord hear us

1. We pray that in this time of Advent, as we anticipate the incarnation of Christ your Son, that all may come to together in unity and joy and look forward to a fruitful Plenary Council.

(Pause) Lord hear us

1. We pray for all those who have died and for those who mourn at this time of the year, especially those who have been prevented from attending to sick loved ones and funerals of family members due to the pandemic. May they be filled with love and hope.

(Pause) Lord hear us

**Conclusion**

Father, as we turn to see you in the love shown in the world, we ask that you to accept these prayers through the name of Jesus your Son, and in the power of the Spirit.

Amen.