

# 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

**F**OR the grace to be ready for Christmas: /  
so that, with Mary, /  
we will welcome the blessings of the Christ-Child. /  
*We pray to the Lord.*

**F**OR parents awaiting the birth of their child: /  
that they will feel God's presence, /  
and that these children will be healthy and strong. /  
*We pray to the Lord.*

**T**HAT those who are traveling will be safe, /  
and those far from home, especially relief workers and  
members of the military, /  
will feel our love and closeness this Christmas. /  
*We pray to the Lord.*

**T**HAT GOD will bring the homeless and the refugee  
to their own place, /  
and surround them with the security of love and protection. /  
*We pray to the Lord.*

**F**OR those who are suffering, depressed, and lonely. /  
For the homebound and the imprisoned: /  
that Christ's presence will fill their emptiness with  
overflowing hope.  
*We pray to the Lord.*

**A**ND that all who have died,  
will be welcomed into the peace of God's Kingdom. /  
*We pray to the Lord.*