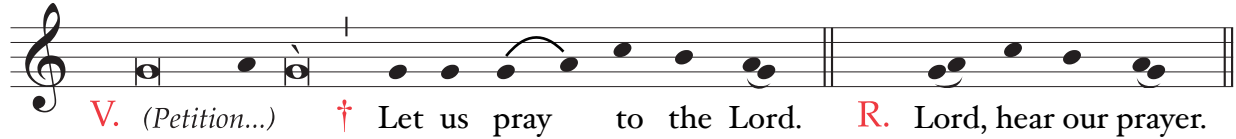


**Universal Prayer**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 23**

*Cantor chants: "Lord, hear our prayer" – Assembly responds: "Lord, hear our prayer"*



We pray that the Church will be blessed by the fruits of evangelization – and that those currently discerning in the RCIA process | will continue to nurture their faith | as they move toward initiation into *the **Church.*** (*Let us...*)

We pray that the reign of God’s peace and justice will be established forever among all peoples and nations of *the **world.*** (*Let us...*)

We pray that those experiencing fertility complications will look faithfully to Christ | for trust and patience during their time of ***frustration.*** (*Let us...*)

We pray for the many Catholics who will visit our parish during the Christmas season. May the Holy Spirit rekindle the desire in their hearts | to deepen their relationship with Christ, | and receive his grace through the sacraments of *the **Church.*** (*Let us...*)

During this season of joy, we pray that our charity to those with any kind of physical or spiritual need | will bring the light of Christ into *their **lives.*** (*Let us...*)

We pray that the souls of the faithful departed will see the face of God...

...and for **Jeanne Kenney - and - Clete Schwaegel** who are remembered in *this **Mass.*** (*Let us...*)