

# PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2013

1. In today's gospel Jesus exhorts us to stand ready because the Lord may call us at an hour we do not expect. We pray for Christians everywhere who await the Lord's return, that they and we will be ready to meet him.

We pray to the Lord                      R. Lord hear our prayer

2. We pray for the unemployed, the unwaged and those living in poverty for whom this time of year brings anxiety, rather than happiness, that they may benefit from the generosity of others and that the peace of Christ may be theirs and their families.

We pray to the Lord                      R. Lord hear our prayer

3. In his first major document, *the Joy of the Gospel*, published this week, Pope Francis reminds us that God never tires of forgiving us: we are the ones who tire seeking his mercy. We pray today that we may never tire in our love and loyalty to the message of the Lord.

We pray to the Lord                      R. Lord hear our prayer

4. We think today of the children of the world who suffer from war, hunger, poverty and abandonment. We pray to the Lord that they be protected, nourished and experience the joy of childhood and that their sufferings may soon be a distant memory.

We pray to the Lord                      R. Lord hear our prayer

5. We pray today for those in the Philippines still suffering after the typhoon, that relief may soon come their way.

We pray to the Lord                      R. Lord hear our prayer

6. We remember in silence our own personal intentions and the intentions of those who have asked for our prayers. (Please pause for 5 seconds)

We pray to the Lord                      R. Lord hear our prayer