

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 , 2013

1. In today's Second Reading, St James asks us to be patient, not to lose heart and not to judge each other harshly, so as not to be brought to judgement ourselves by the Lord. As we approach Christmas, we pray that we be tolerant and loving towards each other to reflect the love which Jesus has for us.

We pray to the Lord R. Lord hear our prayer

2. We pray for our children and young people, that they be blessed with lives free from any kind of abuse and exploitation.

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3. We pray for parents and all charged with the care and wellbeing of our children and young people. We ask the Lord that they be rewarded for their goodness and find joy in the growth and development of their children.

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4. We pray for all people who have been abused, or who are suffering abuse of any form in their lives. We ask that they be given courage to seek help and support and that they find all of us receptive and supportive of their needs.

We pray to the Lord R. Lord hear our prayer

5. We congratulate Pope Francis on being named Time magazine world Person of the Year, awarded to him as a person who proclaims to the world spiritual, religious and moral values and speaks out forcefully in favour of the poor, of peace and greater justice. We pray that this honour will influence other world leaders and that they will follow his great example.

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)

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