

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 , 2013

1. In today's Second Reading, St Paul asks of us who call ourselves Christians to be tolerant with each other, as we would wish God to be tolerant with us. We pray that we have the faith to show the same love to our neighbour as we would to Christ.

We pray to the Lord R. Lord hear our prayer

2. We pray for the homeless, 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. On this day when we are reminded of the great works of Christian charity which they carry out 365 days of the year, we pray for members of the St Vincent de Paul Society and for all those who care for those in need

We pray to the Lord R. Lord hear our prayer

4. As we approach Christmas, we think today of the children of Ireland who suffer from hunger, poverty, abandonment and abuse. 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 for Pope Francis and for all those who are working to make our church one of forgiveness and love rather than condemnation.

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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