

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, A

Priest Celebrant

With confidence, ask anything of our Father,
be it deep as the netherworld or high as the sky:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

(Optional: “Our Advent response is, **Come, Lord Jesus!**”)

That St. Joseph’s obedience be the model of faith
for our Church, diocese, parish, and each other,
we pray:

That the Spirit of holiness over-shadow catechumens
and candidates for the sacraments,
we pray:

That husbands and wives grow in mutual trust;
that children know homes that embrace Jesus;
that the childless accept the Holy Spirit’s gift of parenthood,
we pray:

That leaders of East and West submit to God's own peace;
that civilians rebuild their countries;
that military personnel return safely home,
we pray:

That Christmas console the victims of terrorism and war
and whoever has lost spouse or child, parent, relative, friend,
we pray:

That these concluding days of Advent focus minds and hearts
on Emmanuel – “God with us” – and on His return in glory,
we pray:

That [] and all]
our sick abide with Emmanuel, God-with-us,
we pray:

That [] and]
everyone who has died recently, arise in Jesus,
we pray:

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Lord God and Father,
sustain us in Jesus’ own holiness, grace, and peace,
to live with you
now and for ever.