

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
December 7-8, Second Sunday of Advent

For your Church: may we heed the words of John the Baptist and repent of our worldly plans and return to preparing the way to your kingdom on earth. **Lord of hope and joy, we pray.**

May all the peoples of the world – whatever their traditions – turn to you, O Mighty and Merciful God, and come to trust in your deliverance. **Lord of hope and joy, we pray.**

God of overflowing love, we pray for the households served by our St. Vincent de Paul Society. May these our neighbors, find their deepest needs met with kindness, mercy and respect. **Lord of hope and joy, we pray.**

In this special season, bring our sagging and dispirited hearts to life with the knowledge that you are near. **Lord of hope and joy, we pray.**

We earnestly pray for those who are sick. We pray also for those who have died. **Lord of hope and joy, we pray.**

We lift up to you of the prayers of this community, and those we hold in the silence of our hearts. **Lord of hope and joy, we pray.**