

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

December 20-21, Fourth Sunday of Advent

For the church: in these last days of Advent, may we experience some peaceful time with Mary as she waits in quiet trust for the birth of the Messiah. **God who is with us, we pray.**

That Christmas may bring a lasting peace among nations, especially those involved in conflict. **God who is with us, we pray.**

For those whose homes are threatened, damaged or destroyed by this week's flooding, may they experience Your compassionate care through the loving response and aid of their communities. May we also be part of that response. **God who is with us, we pray.**

May this Advent season renew in us the wonder of your becoming man out of love for us. Help us, then, to be your love in the world. **God who is with us, we pray.**

May we trust in your abiding presence with us, especially in difficult times. **God who is with us, we pray.**

We pray for all those who have died including Joseph Kitema, father of Fr. Kitema; and Marco Magnano. Grant them eternal rest and bring comfort to those left behind. **God who is with us, we pray.**