PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray for Pope Francis and hear his call to see Advent as a continuous call to hope.

Lord, hear us.

Let us pray for all schoolchildren and students that are adapting to new 'normal' routines and restrictions. We give thanks for their resilience and perseverance to keep the fire of their learning alive through the pandemic. **Lord. hear us.**

Let us pray for all those working in retail. As the future of many high street shops face an uncertain future let us give hope and encouragement to those feeling anxious about their careers.

Lord, hear us.

Let us pray for all those who are in pain and suffering. May the Holy Spirit restore their weary bodies and ease their troubled minds.

Lord, hear us.

Let us pray for those in broken relationships. With lockdown placing additional pressure on couples and families, also burdened by financial concerns, we pray that their troubled times will pass, and their days ahead be happy and filled with love.

Lord, hear us.

Let us pray for a moment for our own personal petitions this Advent... **Lord, hear us.**