

## Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Ojai, CA

### Prayer of the Faithful for Sunday 12/3/2017

#### First Sunday of Advent

##### Presider

We humbly place our prayers before our compassionate God.

##### Deacon / Lector

1. For the Church, held close by the shepherd of Israel, that all will be open to receiving God's merciful love. We pray to the Lord.
2. For the peoples of the world and for their leaders, that they be aware of the gifts entrusted to them for the good of all. We pray to the Lord.
3. For the sick and their families, friends, and caregivers, that they know God's healing. We pray to the Lord.
4. For the children of the world, that they will be safe, fed, housed, and loved. We pray to the Lord.
5. For this worshipping community, that we rouse ourselves to cling to God this Advent. We pray to the Lord.
6. **(5:00 p.m.)** For the special intention for the peaceful repose of the soul of \_\_\_\_\_ for whom this Eucharist is offered. We pray to the Lord.  
**(7:30 a.m.)** For the special intention for the entire Saint Thomas Aquinas parish community for whom this Eucharist is offered. We pray to the Lord.  
**(9:30 a.m.)** For the special intention for the peaceful repose of the soul of Bob Nelson for whom this Eucharist is offered. We pray to the Lord.
7. For the prayers on our parish prayer line, especially for the peaceful repose of the soul of Al Enser; healing for Veronica Chauvel and Andria Mendoza; the prayers in our book of intentions, and the prayers that we hold in the silence of our heart.  
[pause] We pray to the Lord.

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Return to us, O faithful Father; soften hardened hearts and mold us. Hear our prayer as we keep watch for the coming of your Son. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.