

Dec. 17 Intercessions ADVENT 3

*In Jesus, God will be fulfilling the Messiani prophecies about the promised Saviour.*

Let us pray now to the living God, who always keeps his promises, and who knows us so well.

The congregational response, as printed in to-day's bulletin:  
Keep us faithful: **to your calling.**

Loving Father, keep the Church faithful in telling the good news, comforting the desolate, actively loving justice and drawing many to freedom through the joy of your forgiveness. (pause) Keep us faithful: **to your calling.**

As the Church, we pray for the world, that there may be integrity in leadership; mercy and justice for rich and poor. strong and weak; that there may be peace among nations and respect for all. (pause) Keep us faithful: **to your calling.**

As the family of believers, we pray for those around us now and their needs; and for the families we represent. and their needs. May the love of Christ be shown in what we do and how we speak and how we spend. (pause)  
Keep us faithful: **to your calling.**

In compassion we call to mind all who are locked in physical or emotional pain. all who are weighed down with worry, guilt or despair. Restore and refresh them, comfort and free them. (pause) Keep us faithful: **to your calling.**

As resurrection people, we commend to your love those who have died to this earthly life. May they, and we in our turn, experience for ever the joy of your eternity. (pause) Keep us faithful: **to your calling.**

As followers of the living Christ, we praise you for the prophecies fulfilled, the promises honoured and the victory over evil gloriously accomplished in him to fill our lives with hope.

Loving Lord, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**