
FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

*Sunday between 30 October and 5 November inclusive**

* For use if the Feast of All Saints was celebrated on 1 November and alternative propers are needed.

Jesus came to search out the lost and save them. Through him we come to our senses and make our lives clean.

Let us still ourselves in our Father's presence
and tell him what is on our hearts.

Loving Father, look into us and teach us
to know ourselves more honestly,
to recognise the areas which need cleansing,
and rejoice in the work you have done
in our lives as individuals
and as the people of God.

Silence

Lord, may our lives:
express our love for you.

Fill Parliament and all places of government
throughout the world
with a desire for integrity and a determination
to stamp out corruption and deceit.
Guide all who lead and all who advise.

Silence

Lord, may our lives:
express our love for you.

Speak your peace and reconciliation
 into all family disputes and hurtful misunderstandings;
 nurture a spirit of loving community
 in our neighbourhood,
 and heighten our awareness of one another's needs.

Silence

Lord, may our lives:
express our love for you.

Bring reassurance and practical help
 to those who are close to despair;
 support those in long-term suffering
 and use us as instruments of your healing love.

Silence

Lord, may our lives:
express our love for you.

Welcome into your kingdom
 those who have faithfully lived out their days;
 as we miss their physical presence,
 we thank you for the gift of their lives.

Silence

Lord, may our lives:
express our love for you.

As today you have strengthened our resolve
 to put our lives right with you,
 we thank you for alerting us to dangers
 and providing the courage to change.

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.