**ADVENT INTERCESSIONS [National Centre for Liturgy, Maynooth]**

*We present our petitions to the Lord, who looks on us, with kindness, as his people, his children.*

* **As we celebrate/begin Advent we pray that we stay awake and aware, for Christ comes to us in unexpected ways. May Advent be a time of grace and new beginnings.**

**Lord, hear us.**

* **We pray for our world, a world waiting for God, that the light of Christ may break through darkness. We remember the people through whom Christ comes to us each day, especially our family and parish.**

**Lord, hear us.**

* **We pray for a spirit of solidarity and courage as we continue to face together the dangers of the coronavirus and as we remember all who suffer in this dangerous time.**

**Lord, hear us.**

* **We pray for peace –peace in our world, peace in our homes, peace in our hearts.**

**Lord, hear us.**

* **We pray for all who are sick or distressed in any way, mind, body or spirit. We remember all who are in need through poverty, hunger or homelessness. May we be generous and supportive in our response to need.**

**Lord, hear us.**

* **We pray for our children, for all children, remembering those who live without love, for those who suffer through poverty, hunger and violence.**

**Lord, hear us.**

* **We pray for our sisters and brothers who have died, especially those from the Coronavirus. May all our faithful departed enjoy eternal peace and rest.**

**Lord, hear us.**

*O God of all ages, rouse us from sleep, deliver us from our heedless ways and form us into a watchful people, that, at the coming of your Son, he may find us doing what is right, mindful of all you command. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.*