



BIBLE SUNDAY 2014: PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Second Sunday of Advent - 7th December 2014

You may choose to use all or a selection of the prayers provided below in support of your parish's celebration of Bible Sunday.

Priest: On Bible Sunday we open our hearts to receive God's words of love and truth.

Reader: We pray for all Christians, that our love for the Holy Scriptures will grow as we ponder on them in our hearts, and respond to their challenge, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Reader: For Bible scholars, teachers and catechists, that by fidelity to prayer and the Scriptures they may witness to the love and truth of God, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Reader: For the Jewish people, the first to hear the Word of God, that they may remain faithful to God's call, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Reader: For the work of the bishops in England and Wales, the Bible Societies and the Catholic Biblical Federation, as together they seek to bring the Good News to men and women everywhere, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Reader: For our children and young people, that the Season of Advent will open their eyes to God's beauty and love.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pause to seek God's help in silent prayer.

Priest: Father, you sent your Son, your Word of love and truth, to live among us. Open our minds and hearts to your gifts. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

AMEN.

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