

Prayer of the Faithful for **Catholic Bible Sunday, 9th December 2012**

You might like to consider including the following two prayers within the Prayer of the Faithful to mark Catholic Bible Sunday:

Reader:

For our wider society on Bible Sunday,
 That the Scriptures would inform and inspire those who have political responsibility, those who educate our young, those who work in the media, and all who contribute to public life.
 Lord, hear us

Community:

Lord, graciously hear us

Reader:

For our own parish community this Bible Sunday,
 That we would be renewed in our love of the Scriptures. That we would truly encounter Christ in them and allow ourselves to be transformed into his likeness.

Community:

Lord, graciously hear us.

You may also want to consider using these additional prayers to link with the wider themes of 'Openness to the Word' and Advent

FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH

Reader:

For the Church and all Christians,
 That as we prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus,
 we would ready our hearts both to receive the Word
 and to reflect him to the world around us.
 Lord, hear us

Community:

Lord, graciously hear us.

FOR THE WORLD

Reader:

For all migrants and refugees around the world,
 That they would be able to unite themselves to the
 Holy Family who shared in their plight. That they
 would meet kindness and generosity in their search for
 a home.

Community:

Lord, graciously hear us.

FOR THOSE IN NEED

Reader:

For all expectant mothers at this time,
 That in their time of waiting they would know the
 Lord's companionship and that the Holy Spirit would
 grant them the graces they will need for the role
 ahead of them.

Community:

Lord, graciously hear us.

FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Reader:

For the sick, the lonely and the hurting in our
 community and those who care for them,
 That they would draw strength from the love of our
 Lord Jesus shown through the word.

Community:

Lord, graciously hear us.