

Prayers of the People
Christmas Mass at Midnight
Year B
December 24, 2011

Brothers and sisters, on this most holy night of our Lord's birth, that we may find peace, joy, and contentment in this holy season, let us pray for ourselves and all those in need of our prayers, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the church of Christ, that it may faithfully proclaim the good news of salvation and may care for the needs of God's people in all corners of the world, we pray to you, O Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace in our troubled world, that the darkness of war and injustice may be replaced by the light of peace and love, we pray to you, O Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those in need of our prayers: the homeless; the unemployed; the hungry; those who are hospitalized; those who are imprisoned in body or soul; and all those for whom this season is one not of joy but of trial and sadness, we pray to you O Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the sick (especially N.) and for those listed on our Parish Prayer List, that their illnesses may be turned into health and their sorrow into rejoicing, we pray to you, O Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who labor this night on behalf of others: doctors and nurses, those serving in the armed forces, police officers and firefighters, gas station attendants, bus and taxi drivers, and all those whose work prevents them from sharing this evening with those they love, we pray to you, O Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all members of the Armed Forces, here, deployed overseas, on the seas, in the seas, and in the skies, and remembering especially those in harm's way, George Dutille, Micah Williams, Christopher Brown, Tom Hernandez, Jonathan Wendt, John MacCormack, Jedidiah Crews, Joshua Tyler Farmer, Virginia Hudgins and Randy

Groves. That God will protect and defend them, strengthen them in their trials, and comfort them away from home on this most holy of nights, we pray to you, O Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith (especially your servant N.). That we, like them, may remain faithful to the end and live forever in the light of your eternal glory, we pray to you, O Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant concludes with a proper collect.