

Prayers of the People
Christmas Day
Year B
December 25, 2011

Our Lord Jesus Christ, word become flesh, commanded us to pray for one another. Let us therefore pray for God's people everywhere, according to their own specific needs, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Eternal God, bless your holy church, that it may boldly proclaim the good tidings of salvation to all the ends of the earth. For this let us pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless your servants in this congregation that nourished by your word and holy sacraments we may minister in faithfulness to you and in love to one another. For this let us pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Guide the leaders of the world, that they may put aside their own ambitions and strive for peace and justice among the nations. For this let us pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Be with those who travel during this holiday season, that their reunions and celebrations may be occasions for joy and that they return safely to their homes and loved ones. For this let us pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, grant health and wholeness to the sick, and to those listed on our Parish Prayer List, and give patience and understanding to those who minister to them. For this let us pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

As you comforted your people by sending your most precious Son, the word of life, comfort those whose lives have been shattered by the loss of a loved one, that their sorrow may be turned to joy. For this let us pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Almighty Father, that your hand will be on 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

Dutile, Micah Williams, Christopher Brown, Tom Hernandez, Jonathan Wendt, John MacCormack, Jedidiah Crews, Joshua Tyler Farmer, Virginia Hudgins and Randy Groves. And that you will protect and defend them day-by-day, strengthen them in their trials, and comfort them in the night, For this let us pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving, we remember before you, O Lord, those saints who bore witness to the light (especially N.). Grant that we may persevere in the faith to which we have been called and at the end behold your glory. For this let us pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant concludes with a proper collect.