

## **Prayers of the Faithful**

### **Solemnity of Christmas**

**December 24 - 25, 2021**

**Presider:** *Glorious and radiant God, you pitched your tent among us and became one of us that we might become one with you. Fill our hearts with joy and hear the prayers we make in the name of Jesus, our Prince of Peace.*

**Lector:**

For the Church: that our daily witness and ministry of mercy and compassion, may promote peace on earth and good will to all, we pray ...

For the peoples of every race and nation, may the celebration of the birth of our Savior encourage a new birth of righteousness and justice, harmony and understanding throughout the world, we pray ...

For those bowed down by injustice or despair, for refugees and the undocumented, for the unemployed, the homeless and all the poor: that Jesus who came into the world as one who was destitute and marginalized will inspire our care and concern for them, we pray ...

For children, may they know of Christ's love for them so that they may grow in generosity and charity with hearts full of love and service, we pray ...

For family and friends near and far, for the sick, hospitalized, and homebound, for those who mourn or are away from home in military service, for the incarcerated, for those who have no one to pray for them, and for those we call to mind now [Pause], may the Good News of Christmas mark an end for them of any darkness and fear to begin a dawn of light and joy, we pray ...

For all our beloved dead, among them those we call to mind now [Pause], may the Savior whose appearing they longed for gladden them with the vision of heaven's glory, we pray ...

**Presider:** *God, you dwell among us as the Prince of Peace, help us to experience the joy of Christmas through our care, concern, support, and love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Word made flesh, our Lord and Savior forever and ever.*  
**AMEN.**

