

Prayers of the Faithful
Solemnity of Christmas
December 24–25, 2018

Presider: *Glorious and radiant God, in the Incarnation you became one of us so 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: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For children, may we always do all we can to ensure their safety, protection and care, so that they may know of God's unconditional love and may grow in generosity and charity, we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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 and those who have no one to pray for them, 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: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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