

Prayers of the Faithful for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God  
January 1, 2019

**Presider:**

As we bring these prayers to our God, let us continue in this Christmas season with joyful thanks for Mary who had the courage and grace to give birth to Jesus who is God with us.

**Lector:**

Our response is: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our Church throughout the world, that we will follow Francis' call to embrace the loving power of a child who alone can guide us to find hope and peace in a broken world. We pray,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For leaders of all nations, may they dedicate this New Year to a more intensive search for justice and lasting peace. We pray,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our Parish Community, that all of us will find great joy and hope in Jesus who was born for us and who, with the power of love, offers us new birth, pardons our faults, and transforms evil into good. We pray,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our families, that as we enter this New Year still in the Christmas season we will pause to cherish one another with simple gestures of caring and love and hope. We pray,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who have died and gone to God before us, may they come safely to the peace of our heavenly home. We pray, **Lord, hear for our prayer.**

**Presider:**

Almighty God, as we embark on this New Year, we ask for your grace to commit ourselves more fully to becoming apostles of mercy and reconciliation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN