

**General intercessions**  
*The Nativity of the Lord (A)*

**Celebrant:** In Christmas joy and hope we present our needs to our loving Father.

**Reader:**

For the Holy Church of God throughout the world, that as we celebrate the birth of Christ we may grow in holiness and grace:

Lord, hear us ...

For all those who do not yet believe in Christ, that they may come to know that today a Saviour is born for them:

Lord, hear us ...

For peace in the world, that all conflicts may be resolved by seeking justice and peace:

Lord, hear us ...

For the oppressed and the hungry, the homeless and the unborn, and those who are alone or abandoned, that they may know the gift of Christ's peace:

Lord, hear us ...

For all who are sick and suffering in any way, that they may be healed by the Lord, who himself took frail flesh:

Lord, hear us ...

For all those who have died, that by the power of Christ's birth on earth, they may be born in heaven:

Lord, hear us ...

**Celebrant:**

Let us seek the prayers of Mary, the Mother of God: *Hail Mary...*

Father, the birth of your Son renews our hope, as you answer our prayers, may we always bear witness to him before the world. Through Christ our Lord.