

**General intercessions**  
The Second Sunday of Christmas (C)

**Celebrant:**

The whole world is called to acknowledge that Jesus is Lord. Grateful for our faith, we now offer our petitions.

**Reader:**

For the Church: that we may be like Mary, treasuring God's words and deeds in our hearts and drawing wisdom from them for our daily lives,

*Lord, hear us ...*

That our national and local governments may wisely use the natural resources of our world for the good of all the human family,

*Lord, hear us ...*

That we may all recognize and reverence the work of God in our lives and come to a deeper realization of how much God loves us,

*Lord, hear us ...*

For God's blessing on the New Year: that God will renew the gifts of the Spirit within us and inspire us with new ways to show love and compassion to others,

*Lord, hear us ...*

For an end to the Covid pandemic: that the virus may be subdued, the sick healed and strength given to all who care for them,

*Lord, hear us ...*

For all who are sick or suffering: that God will bring them healing and health to us all,

*Lord, hear us ...*

For all who have died, especially during the past year: that God's face will shine upon them and give them eternal peace in God's presence

*Lord, hear us ...*

**Celebrant:**

Let us seek the help of Mary, Mother of God, as we say, *Hail, Mary...*

Father, we trust in your loving care. Show us your glory, deepen our faith, and grant us your peace. Through Christ our Lord.