

General intercessions

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God (B)

Celebrant: As we begin a New Year let us bring our prayers and needs to our heavenly Father:

Reader

That the Church may effectively proclaim to the world the divinity of Christ and the special role of our blessed Mother, Mary:

Lord, hear us ...

That Pope Francis and our bishops may be strengthened by God's grace as they face the challenges of the New Year:

Lord, hear us ...

That the leaders of nations will seek equality and peace for all people, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine:

Lord, hear us ...

That the prayers of the Mother of God may strengthen all mothers to follow her example of welcoming new life despite possible fear, doubt or uncertainty:

Lord, hear us ...

That the sick, lonely and neglected may be encouraged by our prayers and concern for them:

Lord, hear us ...

That all who have died in faith may dwell in Christ's abundant love for eternity:

Lord, hear us ...

Celebrant:

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

Father, as we begin this New Year, open our hearts and minds to the many blessings you offer and give us joy in following your Son Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever and ever.