

General intercessions
The Nativity of the Lord (C)

Celebrant:

In Christmas joy and hope we present all our needs to our God.

Reader:

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

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 Christ, the Prince of Peace, may open hearts and minds to his way self-sacrifice:

Lord, hear us ...

For those who are alone or abandoned, oppressed or hungry, homeless or unborn, that the glory of the Lord may shine upon them:

Lord, hear us ...

For the sick and the suffering, that they may know the presence of the peace of Christ, himself born in the weakness of flesh,

Lord, hear us ...

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

Lord, hear us ...

Celebrant:

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

Father, the birth of your Son renews our hope. As you answer our prayers, give us grace always to bear witness to him before the world, for he is Lord forever and ever.