

General intercessions
Mary Mother of God (C)

Celebrant:

As we begin the New Year we bring our prayers and needs to our heavenly Father.

Reader:

That during this Holy Year 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 our local and national leaders may be strengthened by God's grace as they face the challenges of the New Year,

Lord, hear us ...

That our world's governments may seek equality and peace for all people and enact just laws,

Lord, hear us ...

That the example of Mary may strengthen all mothers in welcoming new life despite any fears, doubts or uncertainties,

Lord, hear us ...

That the sick and the suffering 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 help of Mary, Mother of God, as we say, *Hail, Mary...*

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