

BIDDING PRAYERS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY 2025

Celebrant:

1. We celebrate with joy and thanksgiving the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ in a stable in Bethlehem. We remember that this is the real meaning of Christmas. We pray that the whole world comes to recognise the importance of this event and his life on earth.

Lord, in your mercy....

2. We pray for all babies born in areas of the world that are suffering from wars and conflict, especially in Ukraine and the Holy Land where Jesus was born. May they grow up knowing the joys of peace and justice for all. We remember also their families and all those suffering from the effects of violence. We pray for peace makers everywhere.

Lord, in your mercy....

3. As we celebrate Christmas with presents and special food with our families and friends, let us remember those who do not have warm homes, enough food to eat, or money to buy even the necessities of life. We pray that everyone can experience the joys of Christmas through the charity and generosity of others.

Lord, in your mercy...

4. Let us pray for all those who have to work over Christmas, especially doctors, nurses, care workers and those in the emergency services. We also remember those who give up their time voluntarily on this day to help provide a Christmas meal for those who otherwise would go hungry.

Lord, in your mercy....

In a few moments of silence, at this Christmas time, let us add our own prayers for the needs of the world, our country, our city and ourselves.

Let us ask Mary, the mother of the church, to ask her son to grant our requests: **Hail, Mary.....**

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