

## Season of Christmas : The Birth of the Lord General Intercessions

### Priest

In Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, we behold God's love for us.  
With the joyful confidence of those who trust in God's saving power,  
let us pray for the Church and for the world.

### Reader

1. For all who are united to Christ in baptism,  
that the Church may be a beacon of hope, shining in the world.

*PAUSE for silent prayer — at least five full seconds. Repeat after each intention.*

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

2. For governments, and all who serve in politics;  
that the feast of Christ's birth will inspire them  
to strive for justice and peace on earth.
3. For refugees and victims of natural disaster;  
for those who are homeless, or who endure poor housing.
4. For those who will spend Christmas alone,  
through illness, separation, after the death of a loved one,  
or because they have lost touch with family and friends.
5. We call to mind those who are prevented  
from celebrating this Christmas Mass with us:  
those who are housebound or isolating because of Covid-19, and all who are ill.
6. We commend to God the souls of all the faithful departed:  
those who have died recently,  
all who have died over this past year,  
and those whose anniversary we keep.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of our Saviour, to join her prayers to ours: Hail, Mary ...

### Priest

God of splendour,  
at the birth of your incarnate Word  
we are bathed in new and radiant light;  
grant that this light which shines in our hearts through faith  
may also shine out in our actions.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.