

INTERCESSIONS for Midnight Mass (and Christmas Day)

Priest: As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us ask Him to listen to our petitions.

Intercessor: Grant that the Church may be illumined by eternal light
and shine as the servant of our Incarnate God.
May the devotion of the shepherds, the adoration of the angels,
and the love of the Holy Family
inspire us in our worship this night (*day*)
and through the coming year:
Lord, hear us; Lord, graciously hear us

Son of God, you entered creation that all might be made new.
Look in mercy on a broken world; speak your Word to all,
so that they may hear the message of peace.
Especially this night (*day*) we pray for the people of Bethlehem;
Lord, hear us; ...

Bring to all families the joys of Mary and Joseph
and bless every home in our parish and throughout the world;
Lord, hear us; ...

You brought light into our darkness and healing through your touch.
Hear our prayers for those who suffer,
particularly those we name in this moment of silence (*pause*)
Lord, hear us; ...

Grant to the departed eternal rest,
and to those who mourn at this time, bring your consolation;
Lord, hear us; ...

Finally, we commend ourselves, all whom we love
and all for whom we have prayed,
to the intercession of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, our Brother and our God;
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
(All) Blessed art thou among women ...

Priest: Eternal God, dwelling in light unapproachable,
you have revealed your majesty in the wonder of a child.
Hear our prayers and have mercy on all for whom we pray,
this night (*day*) and always.
Through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*