

Christmas Day Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Dear Father in Heaven, we live in a world of unimaginable beauty and we who are made in your image have been honoured with the task of protecting and preserving it in its fragility, as custodians we ask you to hear us as we pray:

1. We pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Bishop Tom and all who exercise leadership in your Church. **Lord, hear us.**

2. We pray for those nations of the world that experience war and conflict, especially those in Ukraine at this time and those too who have had to leave their country and seek refuge in our land and elsewhere. **Lord, hear us.**

3. We pray for all children this Christmas time, in particular those born into poverty and strife, that they may grow into a world of peace and tranquillity. **Lord, hear us.**

4. We pray for all our loved ones who live in far distant lands, that our celebration of Christ's birth across the world may unite us in our shared bond as brothers and sisters in Christ. **Lord, hear us.**

5. We pray for those who must work this Christmas, those in our Hospitals and Nursing Homes, those in the Garda Siochana, the Power Plants and other Essential Services which we so often take for granted. **Lord, hear us.**

6. We remember those who have died, that we may find comfort in knowing that they too rejoice in God made flesh this Christmas time. **Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we make these and all our prayers in your name, in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, and in the name of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**