

## **Christmas Eve Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Standing together in the radiance of this Christmas celebration, let us ask God to fill the world with his light.

1. For Christians who mark the birth of Christ all over the world, that the celebration will bring new light and joy to their lives. **Lord, hear us.**
  
2. For all whose lives are darkened by war and violence, especially the people of Ukraine, Russia and the Holy Land, that the peace and goodwill proclaimed by the angels, may take root in their lives. **Lord, hear us.**
  
3. For the hungry, the sick and the homeless, especially children, and all whose loneliness seems more sharp at Christmas time, that the light of Christ may brighten their lives and circumstances. **Lord, hear us.**
  
4. For our faith community, that Jesus may find the same welcome from us as he received from Mary, Joseph and the shepherds on that first Christmas. **Lord, hear us.**
  
5. For all who are away from home this Christmas, those who are in hospital, prison or living abroad, may they experience the presence of Christ and know that they are loved. **Lord, hear us.**
  
6. For family and friends who have died, particularly those who have died since last Christmas, that the peace and joy of the heavenly Jerusalem may be theirs. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Maker of heaven and earth, your Son is born for us, God from God, Light from Light, hear the prayers we make with confidence, through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**