

24/25 December 2021 CHRISTMAS 2021



INTRODUCTION: We give glory to God in the highest for He has fulfilled His promise of a Messiah to save us from sin. Jesus brings joy to the world with his birth even in these times of insecurity, apathy and indifference. O come let us adore him, Jesus Christ the Lord

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

CELEBRANT: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people. With faith in our hearts, let us surrender our petitions to God who has blessed us with the gift of His Son Jesus. Our response is: **HEAR OUR PRAYER O LORD**

- 1. That Pope Francis and all the leaders of the Church may bear witness to the light of Christ in their preaching, teaching and ministries... We pray to the Lord...
- 2. That political leaders all over the world may always care for the well-being of the financially challenged, the senior citizens, the vulnerable, the migrants and those who are struggling with illnesses of various kinds... We pray to the Lord...
- 3. That like Mary, we may ponder over the treasures of our faith and bring joy, hope, peace and help to all the people we encounter, irrespective of their faith orientations... We pray to the Lord...
- 4. That we may all celebrate the Birthday of Jesus through our own outreach of love and service to our families, neighbours, colleagues at work and strangers seeking comfort... We pray to the Lord...
- 5. That we may resolve to bring the healing of Jesus into a world filled with insecurities created by the pandemic, violence, natural calamities and indifference... We pray to the Lord...
- 6. That God may also listen to our own personal needs and intentions which we make with faith... (Pause for 10 seconds)... We pray to the Lord...

CELEBRANT: Heavenly Father, we are grateful to You for all Your blessings and for always listening to the prayers we make with faith in Jesus, Your precious Son and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.