



CHRISTMAS 2022



INTRODUCTION:

We have gathered to celebrate the birthday of God's gift to us in Jesus. We are challenged at Christmas to do what Jesus and the angels did - bring the good news of redemption to everyone, especially the outcast and the lowly. Let us enjoy the light of Jesus that illumines the darkness in the world.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

CELEBRANT:

We celebrate the good news of the birth of Jesus with great joy for he has fulfilled the promise of God of a Saviour for the whole world. With faith in God's promises we place our needs and intentions before the Lord who gave us his Son Jesus. Our response is:

GRACIOUS LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

That the Holy Father, the Bishops, Clergy, Religious and the lay faithful may always reflect the light of Jesus the Messiah in a world torn apart by the sin of violence, prejudice, indifference and apathy... we pray to the Lord... **R/**

That leaders of governments may seek to bring justice to and empower the poor, the marginalised, the migrants and those suffering due to the irregularities of the economy... we pray to the Lord... **R/**

That each one of us participating in the Eucharist may be gracious in our relationships with each other, generous in our outreach to the needy and grateful to God for His numerous blessings... we pray to the Lord... **R/**

That every family may celebrate the peace and comfort of each other's presence through prayer and fellowship enjoyed at Christmas... we pray to the Lord...

That those who are suffering ill health or grieving the death of a loved one or dealing with a broken relationship or struggling with finances will be comforted by the good news of Jesus the Messiah... we pray to the Lord... **R/**

That God may listen to the prayers we make with faith in His boundless mercy and compassion... *(Pause for 4 seconds)*... we pray to the Lord... **R/**

CELEBRANT: Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of Jesus to all of us and for listening to our prayers we have made with faith in the same Christ our Lord. Amen.