

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
CYCLE B
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: On this blessed night / day, we rejoice, because our Saviour has been born for us. Let us pray to the Father, who has shown his endless love by sending his only Son to make the world joyful.

Our response is: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. For the leaders of our Church, especially for our Holy Father Pope Francis, for our Bishop Paul, that, through their work, they may continue to spread the Good News of 'Joy to the world'. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. For all the members of our Church throughout the world, that they may share the joy of this holy night, and rejoice in the light of faith. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. For all of us that we may follow the example of blessed Mary, who so lovingly welcomed the infant Jesus into her life. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. For our Parish community, especially for families, parents and children, that they may enjoy the true spirit of Christmas and work for tolerance. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. For all nations and rulers, especially for the United Arab Emirates, our President - His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan; the vice-president and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai - His Highness Sheik Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed forces - His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan and all those in authority, that they may be blessed to lead the country to prosperity and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: God our loving Father, you sent your only Son with the message of joy to the world, mindful of your great gift, we confidently place our prayers before you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.