

Prayers of the People
Prayers for
Christmas 2022

My sisters and brothers in the peace of God, all the gifts we shall give and receive in these days are but small tokens of the gift that shines forth in God's word made flesh this night. With grateful hearts let us intercede for all who find themselves longing for this deepest, truest gift, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds' field might be realized on every field of war and on every street of violence, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the child born to us might find in our hearts warm welcome by our openness to the needs of the homeless and the hungry, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That in this time of gift-giving we might become more responsive to the abandoned and despairing, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the rejoicing of this season might be a bond leading us to true communion of life and worship, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the joy and consolation of the Wonderful Counsellor might enliven all who are struck down by

disease and illness, we pray for those on the Ascension Prayer Cycle, and those struggling this time of year, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the blessed hope we celebrate this season might be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in faith. We remember all who have died and pray for families and friends who mourn their death, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of this night by the utterance of your word in our flesh. May our words of praise and petition be strong echoes of your Christmas word, so that all might come to the peace you promise in Jesus, who is Lord and God this night and forever.

ASCENSION PRAYER CYCLE: Aden, Ambrose, Amelia, Amy, Angela, Ann, Annie, Aubrey, Audrey, Barbara, Bettina, Beverly, Brenda, Brian, Berdina, Brandon, Callum, Carl, Cathy, Christina, Cindy, Claire, Clarence, Connie, Debra, Delilah, Dennis, Derrick, Diane, Don, Donna, Doreen, Dot, Douglas, Dulcie, Ed, Edie, Elaine, Elizabeth, Emily, Erin, Evelyn, Frances, Frederick, Fred, Frank, Flo, Garrett, Gary, George, Gerald, Gerry, Glen, Harry, Ike, Ingrid, Ira, Irene, Jack, Janet, Jason, Jenny, Josephine, Joan, Junior, Kent, Kevin, Kim, Kyle, Leo, Leonie, Lewis, Linda, Lori, Louise, Luke, Marie, Marsha, Marion, Maxwell, Melvin, Michael, Michelle, Mike, Mona, Nancy, Nicole, Oskar, Pam, Peter, Randell, Rochelle, Rodney, Rose, Ruby, Sadie, Sam, Scott, Sean, Shirley, Stephen, Susan, Tina, Todd, Tom, Tony, Valerie, Wayne.