

**Prayers of the People  
Christmas 1  
January 1, 2023**

In the birth of Jesus, Christmas among the poor of the earth, God has promised to comfort all peoples and to give gladness in exchange for sorrow. Assured by this promise, let us pray for all the earth and its peoples, saying: Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the homeless and the hungry, for those suffering in many parts of the world and at home, that they may find refuge, merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the blind and all the physically disadvantaged, that they may find courage and acceptance, merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the cities of the earth, that they may be places of wisdom and justice, merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For national leaders, courts and legislatures, that they may protect the weak and serve in humility, merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For an end to war, merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the holy church of God, for Bishop Samuel, for the parishes of All Saints CBS, All Saints, Corner Brook and Anglican life editor, merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For missionaries in all lands, that they may act in courage and love, merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For this assembly, that we may treasure in our hearts the word spoken in our midst, merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the dying among us, that they may be granted dignity and serenity, merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

**Pray Together**

**Joining in thanksgiving with Mary the mother of God, with all those who heard and touched the coming of the word among us, with all angels, and with all the people of God, we commend these prayers and all this longing world to you, O God, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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