

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 2nd SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

PRIEST: We have heard and listened to the word of God and as the crown of splendour in the hand of God we turn to the Lord for the help we need today.

READER: Recognising that we all have special blessings and gifts from the Holy Spirit, we ask the Lord to help us put them to use for the spread his Kingdom. **Lord hear us.**

Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for Missionaries throughout the world that they may be seen as a people inspired and led by the Holy Spirit. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for Pope Francis and for all young people. May the faith of each be inspired and strengthened and renewed in their vocations, we pray that this new generation may work for peace and reconciliation amongst all nations and peoples. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray at the beginning of this New year, for the world's leaders and diplomats that all nations may work together to build a world where justice leads to a real peace and hope. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for the poor of the world facing floods, drought and malnutrition, and the effects of the changing climate. May the world's wealth and abundance be justly shared with all who are in need. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for all who are sick and for all who are in hospital that they may be aware that the Lord is with them in their pains. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for those who have recently died... and for all our dead... and for all who mourn that they may be comforted. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us**

Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us. Hail Mary ...

In the silence of our hearts, let us pray for our own families and friends.

PRIEST: Almighty and everliving God,
we give thanks for the gifts and blessings of the Holy Spirit.
Help us to be ready to share that blessing with all who are in need;
we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**