**Prayers of the Faithful**

 **25th December 2019**

**Priest:** On this Christmas night/day, as we celebrate the birthday of the Prince of

 Peace, let us joyfully raise our hearts in prayer.

**Reader:**

1. On this Christmas night/day, may God bless the Catholic Church

and Christians of all traditions throughout the world.

May the coming of the Saviour help us overcome all division,

in the spirit of charity and truth.

**LORD**, Hear Us

1. Our Savour was born into a world in tumult.

May he bring healing and peace to our world,

and may he bless the efforts of all who seek peace

and reconciliation in his name.

**LORD** hear us

1. Our Lord was born to poverty and misunderstanding.

May he bless the poor efforts of his followers,

and help us to be courageous

in the face of misunderstanding and opposition.

**LORD** hear us

1. For those who are in sorrow at this time, while others rejoice.

May the new-born Christ console them, and may each of us be sensitive

And responsive to the needs of those we meet.

**LORD** hear us

1. Christ came that we might have light.

by the power of his resurrection,

May all the departed enter into eternal life.

**LORD** hear us

1. **We pause for our own prayers……………………… (5 Sec. Pause)**

**Priest: We pray for the dead………………………………...**

We praise and thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have

revealed your infinite grace through your son, Jesus Christ. Who lives and

reigns forever and ever. Amen