

Intercessions

The Nativity of the Lord—December 24, 2021

Cantor: O Lord, hear our prayer.

- On this night of amazing good news, we pray that the church may be a faithful witness to the light of Christ, especially where the darkness is deepest. *We pray,*
- For the light of peace among all who are still held captive, still wearing battle boots, still waiting to be touched by peace and justice across the world, in our nation or in our families. *We pray,*
- For the light of hope among those in the poorest of life's circumstances: the homeless, those without adequate nourishment or decent wages, the lonely or fearful. *We pray,*
- For the light of wisdom among those of us trying to live temperately, justly, devoutly in this historical moment. *We pray,*
- For the light of courage for those who must work to provide for our safety and well-being during these holidays, especially health care workers. *We pray,*
- For the light of healing for all among us who are sick, grieving or in any kind of need; and for all those we have promised to serve through our parish ministries. *We pray,*
- We bring all our cares now to the God of Light, praying that we may be sources of light for others (*pause*). *For all these things, we pray,*