

Intercessions Christmas—December 24, 2022

Cantor: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer; God of mercy, hear our prayer.

- For the church and for all people of faith: that we may be visible signs of God's light and word to the whole, waiting world. *We pray,*
- For all who long for the light of lasting peace, especially in Ukraine; and for peacemakers everywhere. *We pray,*
- For those sitting in darkness on this night—at our border or in our prisons; in homeless camps or on our streets; in the bondage of mental illness, abuse, poverty or loneliness. *We pray,*
- For our families and for all families who struggle to care for one another--especially those who need the comfort of a healing word. *We pray,*
- For first responders and caretakers; service workers and members of the military; for all who work this night on our behalf. *We pray,*
- For all in this community who need the comfort of God's light or healing word; and for all those we try to enlighten or heal through our parish ministries. *We pray,*
- We pray now for our own needs, and for the power to serve others in the name of Jesus—whose coming we celebrate tonight (*pause*). *For all these things, we pray,*