

**Intercessions**  
**The Nativity of Our Lord—December 24, 2024**

**Cantor: Hear our prayer; hear our prayer; Lord of Mercy, hear our prayer.**

- For the church--that it may be a faithful witness to the light of Christ, especially where the darkness is deepest. *We pray,*
- For peace among all who are still held captive, still engaged in war, still waiting to be touched by peace and justice across the world, in our nation or in our families. *We pray,*
- For 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 wisdom among those of us trying to deal faithfully with the realities of this historical moment. *We pray,*
- For courage among those who must work to provide for our safety and well-being during these holidays, especially health care workers and first responders. *We pray,*
- For this community as we seek new leadership; for healing for all among us who are sick, grieving, or in any kind of need; and for all those we seek to serve through our parish and personal 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,*