

BIDDING PRAYERS FOR W/ENDING 21/22 DECEMBER 2024

Celebrant....

1. As we prepare for the coming of Christ this week, let us remember to place Our Lord at the centre of all that we do. In the midst of the shopping, the decorations, the cooking and cleaning, let us take time to pause and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and its importance to all mankind.

Lord, in your mercy...

2. We pray for all those who are hungry, or homeless, or without work, those without families, those who despair of what the future may bring, that they may find help and consolation in the Christian message of love and peace.

Lord, in your mercy....

3. We pray for all those in the world whose lives are shattered by war and conflict, by intolerance and hatred, by natural and man-made disasters, by injustice. We remember all those driven from their homes to seek safety elsewhere and who suffer the dangers of exile. May the love of God, and our practical help, redress their afflictions and sufferings.

Lord, in your mercy...

4. We pray for all those who have to work over the holiday period, especially doctors, nurses and all healthcare workers, the police, fire and ambulance services, those in the charity sector, and anyone caring for those among us who are sick or elderly. We give thanks for their selfless services in the care of others.

Lord, in your mercy....

Let us pause for a few moments in silent prayer to add our own needs and petitions.

We ask Our Lady to present our prayers to her son as we say

“Hail Mary...”

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