

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Celebrant: With all our heart and all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

Petitions

1. For the holy Church of God, that we may joyfully proclaim God's presence among us through his Incarnate Son. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. For the peace of all people, that they may know the light which darkness can never overpower. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. For all mothers, that they may follow the example of blessed Mary, who so lovingly welcomed the infant Christ into her life. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. For those separated from the ones they love at this time, that the Child of Bethlehem may draw them into the consoling warmth of his birth. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. We commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Mary our Mother, and **N.** our patron. Let us pray to the Lord.

Conclusion

O MERCIFUL and most loving God, by whose will and bounty our Lord Jesus Christ humbled himself that he might exalt the whole human race, and came down to what was lowest that he might raise up the humble; grant that this, your people, may cling to you, and that they, whom you have redeemed by your grace, may ever please you by their devoted service. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**