Christmas Eve and Christmas Day  
  
Priest:  
In Christmas joy and hope, let us present all our needs to God with confidence.  
  
Reader: For the church, for all deacons, priests and bishops: many the Lord bless them and strengthen them for his service, that they may faithfully proclaim the Good News of salvation.

Lord in your mercy

Reader: For all those who are travelling at this time that they may arrive safely to join their families, loved ones and friends to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

Lord in your mercy  
  
  
Reader: For those who will find it difficult to celebrate Christmas: the poor, the sick, the depressed, prisoners, armed forces, seafarers and other migrant workers and all who are separated from their families at this time.

Lord in your mercy

Reader: For those who are working over Christmas looking after and caring for the sick and all those who have suffered in the last year because of the pandemic.

Lord in your mercy

Reader: For those who have died and for those who mourn their loss and those for whom Christmas sharpens the loss of loved on , that they may find hope in the entry of new life into the world.

Lord in your mercy  
  
  
Let us ask Mary, the Mother of our Saviour, to pray with us as we say -  
Hail Mary...  
  
We now pray in silence for a few moments to God our Father who is always ready to hear our prayers.  
  
Priest:  
Father, the birth of your Son renews our hope. As you answer all our prayers, give us grace always to bear witness to him before the world. For he is Lord for ever and ever.  Amen.