**The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day**

**Priest: Today, all the ends of the earth see the saving power of God. Through the Virgin’s Son, the Word-made-flesh, let us offer our Christmas petitions to God our loving Father.**

Reader: For the holy Church of God, that we may joyfully proclaim God’s presence among us through his Incarnate Son.

 Lord Hear Us

Reader: For the peace of all peoples, that they may know the light which darkness can never overpower

 Lord Hear Us

Reader: 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 family feast

 Lord Hear Us

Reader: For all our families celebrating this joyful feast, that, as we welcome our Saviour, so we will see and welcome him into the lives of the poor and to help those in need.

 Lord Hear Us

Reader: For the faithful departed, that the peace and saving power of Christ will be granted to them, especially to those in our thoughts on this day.

 Lord In your mercy.

Reader: For the young people of our parish, that they may grow in spirit and hold dear a special place for Jesus in their lives, today and every day

 Lord Hear Us

Reader: We pray for our mothers and mothers-to-be to our heavenly Mother:

 Hail Mary …………….

Reader: We now pray silently for our own personal needs……….

**Priest: Lord God, in purity and love, your Son was brought forth by blessed Mary, your handmaid. May she bring these prayers before you.**

**Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**