

BIDDING PRAYERS: 1st January.
Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

- Priest:** God Our Father, we turn to you in prayer and place before you our intercessions on this Feast of Mary and the World Day of Prayer for peace.
- Reader:** For the Church; under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary may the Church be beacon of light and goodness to all people.
Lord hear usLord graciously hear us
- Reader:** For all leaders of the Church; may Pope Francis and our Bishops lead us in truth and integrity witnessing to the secular world the gospel of Jesus Christ.
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- Reader:** For the world; may the New Year bring a renewed spirit of hope and fraternity among all nations. We pray especially for the people of Israel and Palestine and Ukraine and Russia that there will be peace.
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- Reader:** For all who those who are sick at this time; may the Lord give healing and strength to all those who are sick and those who care for them.
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- Reader:** For our Parish; as we enter into this New Year may we make a resolution in our commitment to our faith, and seek to be bearers of the Good News by being visible witnesses to the presence of God in our world.
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- Reader:** Let us remember those for who this Mass is offered and all those intentions which we each bring to Mass; that the New Year may bring peace, prosperity and health to our lives, our families and our world.
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- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). We ask Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother, to join her prayers to ours: **Hail Mary ...**
- Priest:** Father, we ask that you hear our prayers in this Christmas season and enable us to enter this New Year with joyful and prayerful hearts. We make all our prayers through Christ Our Lord, Amen.