

## **PRAYERS for December 24, 2021 – The Nativity of our Lord (Christmas Eve)**

**Worship Assistant:** Rejoicing in God's glorious gift of grace on the eve of The Nativity of Our Lord, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**Worship Assistant:** Mighty God, we thank You for the holy gift You gave us when You placed Your Heavenly Son into the arms of an earthly mother. We pray that all people may come to know the true meaning of His birth and to experience the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ. Grant us faith to know that You are always near to us. Lead us to listen to the Gospel so that we may know Your Son, our Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.**

**Worship Assistant:** Wonderful Counselor, You truly are wonderful. There is no greater wonder known to man than Your coming into the world. You are true God for all eternity; yet at the same time You are true man, born of the Virgin Mary. You counsel the minds and souls of all believers; You counsel us so that we may choose to follow You; You counsel us as You help us grow and mature in our faith. We ask You to help us live according to Your will and in accordance with Your Word.

**Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.**

**Worship Assistant:** Gracious Father, we are so blessed to be part of the family of God where we find love, encouragement, and acceptance. We thank You for our earthly families, those who are near, those who are far in mind and body, those who are lonely because of the Covid restrictions, and those who have gone to be with You but will always live in our hearts. We pray that all our loved ones might be protected and blessed by You.

**Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.**

**Worship Assistant:** Prince of Peace, as we once again celebrate Your coming into our flesh, bring us Your true joy and Your divine peace. Move our hearts to thoughts and deeds of good will to all men. Give each of us the strength we need to trust that You are with us when we need Your promises and Your comfort. Your peace is offered freely and can be ours if we choose to accept it. Help us to ask, to accept, and then to share Your peace with others.

**Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.**

**Worship Assistant:** Glorious Redeemer, on the eve of Your Nativity, we come to You with prayers that You watch over the hearts and minds of people everywhere. Be with our military members, our first responders, our police and fire personnel, our health care workers, and our missionaries. We pray for all people around the world who seek to worship the light of the world. We pray for all people who, because of the virus, aren't with us in body, but are here in spirit. Fill us all with the true joy of Christmas and let the real meaning of Christmas never be overshadowed by the material excitement of the season. Happy birthday, Jesus.

**Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**