

Carol Service Intercessions

On this Christmas evening let us pray for our community and our world.
When I say *'Lord in your mercy'* the response is

Hear our prayer

Almighty God, who's son was born
in the midst of political turmoil.
save us from the vanity and ambition of men
As we celebrate the birth of our humble king
grant us leaders who follow that call to servanthood.
And who pursue unity and peace.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

At Christmas the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.'
Yet our streets are often places of fear, especially for the young.
We pray for those who work to keep our community safe
May we shine in the darkness an everlasting light

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Just as Mary and Joseph fled as refugees, carrying their infant son
So we pray for all those who are refugees in our world.
May we be a nation moved by compassion humanity.
In our plenty may we give generously of what we have.
And may we work together to seek a fairer world

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Creator God, you have made us stewards of this good earth
Save us from greed, selfishness and the pursuit of short term profit.
That we might treasure this creation for the sake of all people
And heaven and nature may sing of the coming Kingdom

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

That first Christmas there was no room in the Inn
We pray for all those who are homeless and vulnerable
May we be determined to address the immediate needs
And also invest rightly in the public services of our nation.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

In the darkness of midwinter
we for all those for whom this time of year is a struggle
Be near us we pray, and may we see the bright morning star
that leads to the dawn of hope.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

The wise men left their palaces and comforts to seek your perfect light
in a world of prejudice and division
So may we have courage and faith to seek you
and pursue the way of love and truth.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

And together we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us...