**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 24th December 2024**

**Solemnity of Christmas**

**Vigil Mass**

***Suitable for a Family Mass***

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

in the joy of this holy night,

when the whole Church celebrates the start

of a Jubilee Year of Hope,

we open our hearts to the love of Jesus.

1. May Pope Francis, in opening this Jubilee Year tonight,

fill every member of the Church with hope in Jesus,

born as Saviour of the world.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. May our celebration of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem

bring peace to all the people who live in the Holy Land,

so that the war ends and everyone is safe again.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. May the tender love of Mary for her son, Jesus,

and the strong protection of him by Joseph,

help all of our families to care for each other.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. May the memory of the poor shepherds,

who received the message of the angels,

bring hope to all people who are struggling at this time,

so that good people will help them in their needs.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. May tonight’s 50th anniversary of the destruction of Darwin

by cyclone Tracey, and Thursday’s 20th anniversary of

the Tsunami across Asia, unite us in prayer for all who

still suffer from those events.

Lord, hear us

**Lord, hear us prayer.**

1. May Jesus take into the heavenly home all who died in Darwin, through the Asian Tsunami and in present wars,

as we remember especially our parishioners

who have died since last Christmas.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father,

on this night you gave us your Son, Jesus,

to be the Hope and Light of the world.

Let this Jubilee Year draw us closer to him

so that our faith will be stronger,

our hope, serene,

and our charity, generous.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Universal Prayer**

**Solemnity of Christmas 2024**

***for***

**Tuesday 24th December - Mass during the Night 2024**

***and***

**Wednesday 25th December - Midnight Mass 2024**

Celebrant Sisters and brothers, tonight as we remember of birth of Jesus Christ, Pope Francis is opening the Holy Door of St Peter’s Basilica, inaugurating this 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope for the whole Church to celebrate.

Knowing the many pressures on people around the world,

we pray for a new Hope to strengthen and comfort every heart.

1. We pray for the Church in every place,

that encouraged by Pope Francis,

the Church will be reborn in Hope

and be a strong witness to the grace and peace

of the Christ Child.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. We pray for the peoples of the Holy Land

where Jesus was born this night,

walked its roads and healed the people,

suffered and died for all humanity,

that they may be delivered from the present war,

be healed of every hurt

and be reborn in Hope.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. We pray for all who suffer in our world,

burdened by poverty and hunger,

frightened by war and violence,

anxious through sickness and homelessness,

that the goodwill of people

will help them to be reborn in Hope.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. We pray for all who were traumatized by

the destruction of Darwin by cyclone Tracey

50 years ago tonight,

and the violent Tsunami across Asia, 20 years ago on Thursday,

that memories will be healed,

lingering anxieties be calmed

and the rebirth of Hope be real for each person.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. We pray for all who have died in the wars of the Holy Land

and it’s neighbours, in Ukraine and Russia,

by the Darwin cyclone and the Asian Tsunami,

along with our parishioners who have died since last Christmas,

that their entry into eternal life

will bring the rebirth of Hope in all who mourn.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father,

on this night you gave us your Son, Jesus,

to be the Hope and Light of the world.

Let this Jubilee Year draw us closer to him

so that our faith will be stronger,

our hope, serene,

and our charity, generous.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Wednesday 25th December 2024**

**Solemnity of Christmas**

**Morning Mass**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, last night, as the Church began to celebrate again the birth of Jesus Christ, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St Peter’s Basilica, inaugurating this 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope for the whole Church.

Knowing the many pressures on people around the world,

we pray for a new Hope to strengthen and comfort every heart.

1. We pray for Pope Francis,

that in the joy of Christmas and in the gift of a Jubilee Year,

Hope will be reborn in his heart, so that he will continue to witness to the tenderness of the Christ Child.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. We pray for the peoples across the Holy Land and its neighbours

as we remember the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem,

that the destruction of war, the impoverishment of people,

the hunger and homelessness of so many,

will not extinguish Hope, but see it reborn in the hearts of all.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. We pray for everyone who is burdened in life

with poverty and violence, anxiety and fear,

sickness and broken relationships,

that goodwill toward them

will restore a rebirth of Hope for them all.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. We pray for all who were traumatized by

the destruction of Darwin by cyclone Tracey

50 years ago today,

and the violent Tsunami across Asia, 20 years ago tomorrow,

that memories will be healed,

lingering anxieties be calmed

and the rebirth of Hope be real for each person.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. We pray for all the members of our families and parish

who have died since last Christmas,

along with the victims of war, those who died

in the Darwin cyclone and the Asian Tsunami,

that they may sing God’s praises with the angels,

and that their families may be comforted.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father,

on this night you gave us your Son, Jesus,

to be the Hope and Light of the world.

Let this Jubilee Year draw us closer to him

so that our faith will be stronger,

our hope, serene,

and our charity, generous.

Through Christ our Lord.