The Universal Prayer

Sunday 22nd December 2024

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, God’s Son came among us,

 conceived and born in the flesh, descended from

 King David, filled with the spirit of holiness.

1. May holiness flood the heart of Pope Francis who will lead the Church

into the Jubilee Year of Hope on Christmas Eve, so that for all it will “be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the ‘door’ of our salvation”.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

1. May the visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth instil in us

a great charity by which we reach out to all in need with tenderness

and compassion.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

1. May the entry of God’s Son, in the flesh, bring down the blessings of

justice and peace upon all who live in his Holy Land today, so that

hatred and violence is replaced by respect and cooperation

for the good of all.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

1. May the cries of all in need, distress and hunger in our communities and around the world, pierce the heavens and cause God’s redeeming love

to confirm them in Divine grace, flowing from the Heart of Jesus.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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**Lord, have mercy.**

6 May the victims of war and violence receive the grace of eternal life

from God. We also remember…

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father,

 give to us hearts after the example of Mary and Joseph,

 who with hope awaited the birth of their Divine Child,

 your Son, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

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**Monday 23rd December 2024**

**Novena for Christmas**

 Celebrant: My friends, the hand of the Lord, which was upon

 John the Baptist, continues to guide and protect

God’s people.

1. That parents awaiting the birth of a child,

may rejoice in the gift God has given to them.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That we may be filled with awe

and rejoice in the gift of every new life.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That the hearts of parents may be turned towards their children

in love, and that the hearts of children may be turned towards their parents in affection and respect.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That babies and young children, traumatized now without shelter and food, through the Wars in the Holy Land and Syria, Ukraine and Russia, stir the consciences of politicians and military leaders to set aside their weapons and work for peace.

Lord, have mercy.

1. That we may give thanks that the White Australia Policy

introduced this day in 1901, has been overturned, enabling us to become a multicultural nation, rich in our diversity.

Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Eternal King,

help us to always walk in your truth,

so that we can reflect in our lives

your faithfulness and love.

Through Christ our Lord.

#### **The Universal Prayer**

#### **Tuesday 24th December 2019**

#### **Morning Mass**

# **Novena for Christmas**

Celebrant: Today as we celebrate Christmas Eve,

 our hearts of joyful at the nearness of

 Christ’s birth.

1. May we bless God for the gift of the children

in our families and parish.

Lord, have mercy.

1. May good people be protected from their enemies,

and from the hands of those who are filled with hate.

Lord, have mercy.

1. May God grant peace and harmony to all the spiritual children of Abraham:

Christians, Jews and Muslims across the Holy Land and beyond.

Lord, have mercy.

1. May the knowledge of salvation be taken to those who have never heard of Jesus Christ by missionaries of holiness and integrity.

Lord, have mercy.

1. May the Light of Christ shine upon our world in peace,

now and always.

Lord, have mercy.

1. May we, on the eve of the 50th anniversary of the destruction of Darwin by cyclone Tracey, commend the dead the God and pray for those

who continue to suffer from the effects of that tragedy.

Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Heavenly Shepherd,

let us sing forever of your love,

and in every generation

proclaim your truth.

Through Christ our Lord.