

**January 1**  
**The Octave Day of Christmas**  
**SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD**

**Priest Celebrant**

With Mary, cry out “Abba, Father”,  
who hears every prayer through Jesus, his Son:

**Deacon/Cantor/Reader**

For the Church, born of Mary at the Cross,  
we pray to the Lord:

For catechumens, and candidates for Confirmation and Eucharist,  
Marriage, Ordination, Religious Consecration,  
we pray to the Lord:

For local and national leaders and public servants;  
for the safe return of military personnel,  
we pray to the Lord:

For the responsible use of earth’s resources;  
for the protection of human life at every stage,  
we pray to the Lord:

For the healing of terrorism and war;  
of religious, racial, ethnic oppression;  
of mental, physical, sexual abuse,  
we pray to the Lord:

For the unemployed and under-employed, the hungry and homeless;  
for the addicted, the imprisoned, the outcast, and their families,  
we pray to the Lord:

For the lost and the survivors of the past year’s natural disasters,  
we pray to the Lord:

For the sick and those who serve them,  
we pray to the Lord:

For our war-dead and everyone who has died this past year,  
we pray to the Lord:

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Through your Son born of Mary,  
O Father of time and eternity,  
have pity on us and bless us,  
today and through this year of grace.  
You live and reign for ever and ever.