

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 this 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.