Rejoicing in the love of God that has taken flesh among us in Christ Jesus, let us confidently bring to the Lord the petitions of our heart this Christmas night, saying: ***Lord, hear our prayer****.*

For the believing community throughout the world, especially Todd our bishop and all those in positions of leadership, that they might always work to give glory to God and to bring peace to our earth, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord hear our prayer.***

For the church gathered in this place, that we might always bear the good news of God's living presence in our world, towards deepening of Christmas faith and living that faith in love, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord hear our prayer.***

For those lost in the darkness of prejudice, hostility, and fear; for those burdened by the yoke of injustice, terrorism, hunger, and war; and for all the members of the human family in any need, that the light and life that is the Lord might touch their hearts this night, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord hear our prayer.***

For the homeless, and for the children born in the midst of poverty and pain, that there be room at the inn for all of God's people, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord hear our prayer.***

For the sick and the dying among us, and for those who care for them, that the God whose love extends from the wood of the manger to the wood of the cross might bless them this night with the gift of peace, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord hear our prayer.***

All loving and gracious God, we thank you for gracing us with the gift of your Son. Confident in your continuing love for us, we have placed our needs before you. Hear and answer our prayers, through that same Christ, newly born this night, our Lord and Saviour, forever and ever. Amen.