

## **General intercessions**

### **The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (A)**

#### **Celebrant:**

God humbled himself to be born of a human family and sanctified family life forever. Thus, we now pray.

#### **Reader:**

That the Church may effectively proclaim to the world the divinity of Christ and the unique role of our blessed Mother:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That Pope Leo and our bishops may be strengthened by God's grace as they face the challenges of the New Year:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That the leaders of nations will seek equality and peace for all people as they enact just laws and defend the rights of all:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That the prayers of the Mother of God may strengthen all mothers to follow her example of welcoming new life despite fear, doubt or uncertainty:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That the sick, the lonely and the neglected may be encouraged by our prayers and concern for them:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That all who have died in faith may dwell in Christ's abundant love for eternity:

*Lord, hear us ...*

#### **Celebrant:**

Let us seek the help of Mary, Mother of God: *Hail, Mary...*

Father, as we begin this New Year, open our hearts and minds to the many blessings you offer and give us joy in following your Son Jesus Christ. Through Christ our Lord.