

General intercessions
The Second Sunday of Christmas (A)

Celebrant:

The whole world is called to acknowledge that Jesus is Lord. Grateful for our faith, we now offer our petitions.

Reader:

That the many ministries of the Church may strengthen family life throughout the world:

Lord, hear us ...

That society may recognise the unique place of the institution of marriage, made by God as the complimentary union between a man and a woman:

Lord, hear us ...

That the family may always be the sanctuary of life, where all are welcomed as a gift rather than a burden:

Lord, hear us ...

That families divided by divorce, hurt or alienation may come to find peace and acceptance of one another:

Lord, hear us ...

That our family members who are ill may enjoy the consolation of the Lord and the presence of their loved ones:

Lord, hear us ...

That all who have died may be welcomed into the eternal life of the family of God:

Lord, hear us ...

Celebrant:

Let us seek the help of Mary, Mother of God, as we say, *Hail, Mary...*

Father, we trust in your loving care. Show us your glory, deepen our faith, and grant us your peace. Through Christ our Lord.