

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS.

Prayers of Intercession for 24.12.2020 Christmas Eve Vigil masses

Celebrant: Tonight it is time for the birth of Jesus, our Saviour. In this time of darkness, we await the Light of the World.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us

- 1.** We pray for the Church, all clergy and religious, that they may be beacons of light, life and love in these difficult times. **Lord, hear us . . .**
- 2.** We pray for those in public authority, faced with having to lead us through this pandemic, not knowing what will happen next. Let them know that those living in darkness have seen a great Light. **Lord, hear us . . .**
- 3.** Jesus was born in a stable, and many people this night are refugees, homeless or worried about losing homes and jobs. We pray that You are with them and help them to find shelter and kindness in what can be a cold, harsh world. **Lord, hear us . . .**
- 4.** We pray for our parish and community, Some will have had to change plans and suffer the heartache of not seeing loved ones after all. Help them not to lose sight of You during the celebrations. **Loving Father . . .**
- 5.** Let us pray to Mary, the mother of Jesus, who said “Yes” to giving birth to God's Son, despite all dangers, scandals, travel to a strange town, and giving birth in a stable, to intercede for us with the Father. **Hail Mary . . .**

The Silence

Let us add our own personal prayers and petitions in the silence of our hearts . . .

Celebrant: Merciful Father, accept these prayers as we await the first cry of that fragile, vulnerable baby, Emmanuel, God with us.

R. Amen