**Prayers of the People for Christmas Eve & Day**

**Adapted from the verses of *Hark! the herald angels sing***

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*All standing*

*Deacon or Priest:* With all the angels, let us proclaim: *Glory to our newborn King!*

*Intercessor:*

On this special day, we pray for peace on earth and mercy mild―in our hearts, in our homes, and throughout the world―especially in those places afflicted by war and violence. Christ is both our gift and example to lead us in pathways of peace and righteousness, and so with angels we proclaim:

*People: Glory to our newborn King!*

We pray for the Church universal―composed of every race, language, people and nation―who look to Christ as the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Together, we celebrate the news that God and sinners are reconciled, and so with joy we rise, and join the triumph of the skies, as we proclaim:

*People: Glory to our newborn King!*

Let us give thanks for all the blessings of our lives, especially those whom we name at this time: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

In the light of Christ we have learned to love, and so we hail the Sun of Righteousness; we hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace as we proclaim:

*People: Glory to our newborn King!*

Let us pray for the poor and lonely―those for whom there is no room in the inn―

remembering that Christ is one with them, and calls us to meet him in service to the least of these who are always with us.

Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus is our Emmanuel, and so we proclaim:

*People: Glory to our newborn King!*

Let us pray for those who are sick or suffering, especially those we name at this time: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all Christ brings, and so with angels we proclaim:

*People: Glory to our newborn King!*

Let us pray for those who have died, especially those we name at this time: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Christ was born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth, and so with angels, we proclaim:

*People: Glory to our newborn King!*

*Celebrant:*

A Child has been born for us, a Son given to us…a Wonderful Counselor, Mighty

God, Prince of Peace. Let *us* hark the herald that angels sing as we give glory to our

newborn King!

*People: Glory to our newborn King!*