

PRESIDER

Dear friends, the day of our Saviour's birth draws near. With ever-growing hope, let us pray for the light of Christ to dawn upon the world.

READER

For all whose mission is to proclaim the Good News, that their words and lives will show everyone Emmanuel, God-with-us for ever. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who have made their home among a new people, that today's International Migrants Day will encourage mutual hospitality and cultural exchange. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For women surprised by an unplanned pregnancy, that with their partner's full support they will come to welcome the new life they bear. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who volunteer their time to serve the poor and lonely at Christmas, that their generosity will create goodwill that makes a lasting difference. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who are preparing for Christmas celebrations and summer holidays, that they will take time to reflect prayerfully on the mystery of the Word-made-flesh. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will enjoy the grace and peace of God for ever. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

PRESIDER

Saving God, since the dawn of time you have never ceased to bring all things to life. Help us walk always in the light of your love. We ask this Christ our Lord.