

**BIDDING PRAYERS: 1<sup>st</sup> January. Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God**

- Priest:** God Our Father, we turn to you in prayer and place before you our intercessions on this Feast of Mary and the World Day of Prayer for peace.
- Reader:** For the Church; under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary may the Church be beacon of light and goodness to all people.  
Lord hear us .....Lord graciously hear us
- Reader:** For the repose of the soul of our beloved Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI;  
we give thanks for his ministry in guiding the church with great wisdom and profound intellect; may the Lord receive him into his heavenly homeland.  
Lord hear us .....Lord graciously hear us
- Reader:** For all leaders of the Church; may the legacy of Pope Emeritus Benedict continue to encourage them in promoting the importance of using highly intellectual reasoning to support our faith and not to be afraid to place the truths of faith firmly in the public square.  
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- Reader:** For the world; may the New Year bring a renewed spirit of hope and fraternity among all nations.  
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- Reader:** For all who those who are sick at this time; may the Lord give healing and strength to all those who are sick and those who care for them.  
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- Reader:** For our Parish; as we enter into this New Year may we make a resolution in our commitment to our faith, and seek to be bearers of the Good News by being visible witnesses to the presence of God in our world.  
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- Reader:** Let us remember all those for who this Mass is offered.  
Also, all those who have died recently including, Connie Dixon, Mary Yeomans, David Hattemore, Mary McGarry, Michael Knapton, Brian Johnson, and Michael Newton. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.  
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- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). We ask Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother, to join her prayers to ours: **Hail Mary ...**
- Priest:** Father, we ask that you hear our prayers in this Christmas season and enable us to enter this New Year with joyful and prayerful hearts. We make all our prayers through Christ Our Lord, Amen.