The Prayers of the People
Christmas Eve

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Father, in this holy night your Son our Savior was born in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. Holy God, Hear our prayer.

In this holy night there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Holy God, Hear our prayer.

In this holy night your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to:

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and all who suffer in the sadness of our world. Holy God, Hear our prayer.
In this holy night the angels sang, ‘Peace to God’s people on earth.’ Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in the Middle East and in all the world. Holy God, Hear our prayer.

In this holy night shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ’s redemption. Holy God, Hear our prayer.

In this holy night strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love. Holy God, Hear our prayer.

In this holy night heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand:

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all for whom memorials of flowers have been given, and all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom. Holy God, Hear our prayer.

Father, in this holy night angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph, and the saints, through him who is your Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.