

**Prayer of the Church—Ektene Form**  
**First Sunday after Christmas**  
**27 December 2020**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

*Brief silence*

For grace to rejoice in Christ's blessed incarnation; in thankfulness that, in the fullness of time, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem us and give us the adoption as Your sons and heirs; and to grant us a glad new year, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the families of all Christians, that the heavenly Father from whom all fatherhood on earth is named would bless them with His promises; for parents, that they would be diligent and take delight in their work; for children, that by God's favor they would grow in strength and wisdom; and for all widows, orphans and broken families, that God would comfort them with His mercy and give them joy in the redemption won for them in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make, administer and judge our laws, that they may serve faithfully in their tasks, according to Your good pleasure, for the benefit of our people, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the lonely, that they would be comforted with the sure and certain knowledge that God will never forsake them, and that within the household of faith they might find family, friends and loving companionship, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and suffering, especially those who desire our prayers [\_\_\_\_\_], that according to God's gracious will, they would be healed; and for those who mourn, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that God would fill their hearts with the certain hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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Second Sunday after Christmas (B)  
3 January 2021**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for the eternal Word made flesh and His dwelling among us, full of grace and truth; that His praise would be extended into all the world; and that many more with us would come to hope in His steadfast love, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian homes, that following the example of our Lord Jesus, all children would be diligent to hear the Word of God, grow in wisdom and stature, submit to earthly parents, and always be about the heavenly Father's business and in His house, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, blessed in Christ, the Beloved, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins; for the preaching of the Gospel of salvation and the seal of the promised Holy Spirit in Baptism; and to raise up faithful preachers among us to the praise of Christ's glory until we acquire the inheritance promised us in Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the leaders and elected officials of our nation, especially for their wisdom that, as God once gave His servant Solomon unsurpassed wisdom to rule Israel, He would also enable them to discern between good and evil and govern our people wisely, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and everyone in any kind of need [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*]; for patience and healing according to God's will; in thanksgiving for every blessing and kindness shown to us in Christ [*especially for \_\_\_\_\_*]; and for those who mourn, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**