

General Intercessions

January 14 & 15, 2023

Presider: On this holy feast, we celebrate the manifestation of God's love to all nations, both Jew and Gentile or non-Jew. With confidence we give voice to our petitions.

READER

#1: **For the church:** that we may vigorously embrace and celebrate all cultures and people across the earth...(STOP)

Cantor: All creation, raise your voices: *ALL: Child of Mary, hear our prayer*

#2: **For all nations** torn apart by animosity or war, especially Israel/Palestine and other parts of the Middle East; for the conflicts still to be resolved by the major faiths in Jerusalem...(STOP)

Cantor: All creation, raise your voices: *ALL: Child of Mary, hear our prayer*

#3: **For those who do not recognize** that God is also made manifest in other religious traditions and belief systems; and for all who seek meaning in life...(STOP)

Cantor: All creation, raise your voices: *ALL: Child of Mary, hear our prayer*

#4: **For all who struggle** to expand their horizons beyond the familiar and who resist or are afraid to reach out to those of different races, languages, politics, religions, or cultures...(STOP)

Cantor: All creation, raise your voices: *ALL: Child of Mary, hear our prayer*

#5: **For the United Nations** and other multi-national organizations whose work is dedicated to solving problems and issues that affect our planet and all who live on it...(STOP)

Cantor: All creation, raise your voices: *ALL: Child of Mary, hear our prayer*

#6: **For those in this community** who struggle to look beyond our own families, friends, neighbors, or neighborhoods; and for the courage to share God's love beyond our boundaries; for the prayers we offer in our prayer basket...(STOP)

Cantor: All creation, raise your voices: *ALL: Child of Mary, hear our prayer*

#7: **For all who struggle with illness;** with injury; for those on hospice; for the dying; for those who have died, especially...

Charles Walker, father of Brian Walker and wife Joanne Walker;

And for those who have died who have no one to mourn their passing...**(STOP)**

Cantor:

All creation, raise your voices: ***ALL: Child of Mary, hear our prayer***

Presider:

God of all nations, this feast calls us to expand our horizons in love to all people, even those who seem radically different. Help us to remember that this message was inherent in Jesus — God coming among us in human form. May we remember that our faith in urges us onward and outward through Christ our Lord.