PRAYERS CHRISTMAS MORNING

Father, on this holy morning your Son our Saviour was born in human form. Renew your Church as the body of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

On this holy morning Christians the world over are celebrating his birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

On this holy morning 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.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

On this holy morning Mary in the pain of labour brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress today. And especially at this time we pray for those effected by COVID-19.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

On this holy morning your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world. And especially at this time we pray for all effected by war.

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

On this holy morning shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

On this holy morning the angels sang "Peace to God's people on earth". Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

On this holy morning strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

On this holy morning heaven has come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Keep in safety all those who have gone through death in the hope of heaven.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

On this holy morning angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Blessed Mary and all the saints.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray:- **Our Father in heaven, ...**