

January 5 Christmas 2 Intercessions

Let us pray in the unity of all who worship Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and the Lord of mercy.

The congregational response, as printed in today's bulletin:

In God: **all things work together for good.**

You have gathered your people together, with the purpose that they may be one . Bring to the Church the complete unity that is your will. Give us grace to proclaim the promises prepared from the beginning and revealed in Jesus Christ. (pause)

In God: **all things work together for good.**

In a world torn apart by divisions and strife, lead us back into the way of peace, heal what is damaged and unite what is sundered. Give to all in authority wisdom and a true desire for peace. Help us to live in peace and harmony with our neighbours . (pause)

In God: **all things work together for good.**

Let us pray in the glorious light of Christ who leads his people in all their worship and adoration. As the Wise Men were led to worship the infant Jesus, so lead your Church to know you more clearly and to do your work on earth more faithfully. Give us deeper reverence in worship, humbly to adore the mystery of the Incarnation. (pause)

In God: **all things work together for good.**

Guide those with authority and influence to acknowledge the lordship of Christ. Teach those who control the resources of the world to use them responsibly . Turn the hearts of those who work only for their own interests and bring them to love others in the freedom of your service. (pause)

In God: **all things work together for good.**

We pray for those who have died, that their lives may be fulfilled in eternal life. Comfort those who mourn for them with the knowledge that they are free from all suffering and are close to you forever. We commend to your love those who, washed in the water of baptism, were close to you in this life and now are closer in the life eternal.

May our offerings of prayer be acceptable to the King of glory, revealed to all who seek him diligently in faith. **Amen.**