

Universal Prayers of the Faithful
December 21, 2025

For the Church, that we, like Joseph, may wholeheartedly live our faith traditions and yet remain open to the mystery of God's unconventional work in our lives and the world around us..... **we pray to the Lord.**

For the Church in Detroit, that as we undergo restructuring, we may remain faithful to Christ's mission, rooted in prayer, and open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.....**we pray to the Lord**

For openness of heart: that, like Mary and Joseph, we may enter into the mystery of God's loving actions and co-operative with the work of God even when we don't understand how to proceed**we pray to the Lord**

For the gift of wisdom: that like Mary, we may perceive the invitation of God in the strange and sometimes unreasonable situations into which God calls us.....**we pray to the Lord**

For freedom from judging others: that like Joseph, we may hold our judgments so that the work of God may unfold in the hearts and lives of those who are dear to us.....**we pray to the Lord**

For peace: that the coming of the Prince of Peace may bring healing and safety to those impacted by domestic violence, civil disturbance, and warfare.....**we pray to the Lord**

For all who are sick or suffering during this holy season of Advent, that they may find hope in the coming of Christ, strength in His love, and comfort through the care of others.....**we pray to the Lord**

For all our loved ones who have died, that as we await the coming of Christ in glory, they may share in the eternal light and peace of His Kingdom, especially George Zigas, Alexander Grabowski, and Elfrieda Samuel.....**we pray to the Lord**