

**Sunday, January 1, 2023**  
**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
**World Day of Peace**

**Prayer for the Morning**

*Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

**Hymn** **Meter: 65 65 D**

Maiden, yet a mother,  
Daughter of thy Son,  
High beyond all other,  
Lowlier is none;  
Thou the consummation  
Planned by God's decree,  
When our lost creation  
Nobler rose in thee!  
Thus his place preparèd,  
He who all things made  
'Mid his creatures tarried,  
In thy bosom laid;  
There his love he nourished,  
Warmth that gave increase  
To the root whence flourished  
Our eternal peace.  
Lady, lest our vision,  
Striving heav'nward, fail,  
Still let thy petition  
With thy Son prevail,  
Unto whom all merit,  
Pow'r and majesty  
With the Holy Spirit  
And the Father be.

**Psalm** **67**

*Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. (Lk 1:42)*

*When the time of promise was fulfilled, Mary, the Mother of God, daughter of the earth, gave birth to the fruit of the Tree of Life: Jesus Christ, true God and true man, the salvation of all peoples.*

Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth

and all nations learn your saving help.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
The earth has yielded its fruit  
for God, our God, has blessed us.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

Glory to the Father...

**Word of God** **Isaiah 4:2**

On that day,/ The branch of the Lord will be luster and glory,/ and the fruit of the earth will be honor and splendor/ for the survivors of Israel.

Blessed is the fruit of your womb! (Lk 1:42)

**Canticle of Zechariah**

*When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman. (Gal 4:4)*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father...

## Intercessions

On this day, the birth of a new year, let us pray for a world renewed in the peace of God through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God:

**R/Son of God and Son of Mary, let your face shine upon us and be gracious to us!**

At your birth was born the new age of salvation **R/**

At your birth was born the fulfillment of all human hope: **R/**

At your birth was born the world's true peace: **R/**  
**Personal intentions**

Our Father....

*O God of all the living, you brought to birth the day of salvation wrought through the One who is our everlasting life and peace. Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, bring to perfection that which you have begun in him who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

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## Reading 1 **Numbers 6:22-27**

The Lord said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them:/ The Lord bless you and keep you!/ The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!/ The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!/ So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."

## Psalm **67**

**R/ (2a) May God bless us in his mercy.**

May God have pity on us and bless us;  
may he let his face shine upon us.

So may your way be known upon earth;  
among all nations, your salvation. **R/**

May the nations be glad and exult  
because you rule the peoples in equity;  
the nations on the earth you guide. **R/**

May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you!

May God bless us,  
and may all the ends of the earth fear him! **R/**

## Reading 2

**Galatians 4:4-7**

Brothers and sisters: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

## Gospel

**Luke 2:16-21**

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

## **Men of St. Joseph Prayer**

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God's will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family's salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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