

Gathering in God's Arms...
... Praying with Alert Humility

During Advent, Christmas and Epiphany
the Prayers of the People will be drawn in part from the
Franciscan Morning and Evening Praise

As we pray you are welcome to speak forth the bold print

God of the Manger we pray...

**For those who eagerly await your coming
may they wait with alert humility**

For those who are numb and unaware of the signs of your return
may they awaken to your loving call

**For those who live and work in the midst of destruction
for Mark and Kelly and Genevieve Lorenz in Anchorage
for firefighters in California
for children who have known nothing but war and more war
may their sleep be filled with your peace
and their days with your saving hand**

For the creation that moans and reels under the weight of our sin
may beauty be restored and the land and sea cherished

**For families who are fractured
may they receive your joyful healing**

For those fleeing persecution
may they find safe passage and welcoming shelter

**For those working on the Waterville bridge
may the angels guard them from morning 'til night**

For those trapped in addictions
may they be set free through the authority of Jesus' love

continued on back...

**For those who are grieving this Christmas
for Randy Hahn's family
for Andrea Keifer's family
for Janice's family
for Bess's family
for Mary's family
for Miriam and Ben's family
for our church family
may the comfort of the saints surround all with song**

For the ill and for those who tend them
for little Emily, Charleston, Curtis, Kaden and Kaden
may they receive strength & healing in body, mind and spirit

**For those who bring us joy and hope and strengthen our faith
for Jessann, Christian, Robert, and Donna
may their baptismal journeys be marked with honor & light**

For those who lead us into worship with song from Sunday to Sunday
for Dave Good
for Tricia Wallace
may the harmonies of your kindness, mysteries, justice and peace
bolster them in the daytime and in the dark

**For the empty store fronts of Tontogany
may they be filled with generous prosperity**

We gather all these prayers and place them in your loving arms for we
pray together as you taught us to pray...

**Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen**

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