

**General Intercessions**  
**in Preparation for Visit by Pope Benedict XVI**  
*Prepared by the Office of Worship of the Archdiocese of Washington*

**Christmas 2007**

For our Holy Father, Benedict XVI, that his message of hope in Jesus our Lord will resound in the hearts of all God's children this Christmas Day, we pray to the Lord.

**New Year's Day 2008**

For Pope Benedict XVI, successor to Peter, that his dedicated leadership and scholarly wisdom will inspire us throughout the coming year, we pray to the Lord.

**Lent I**

For our Holy Father Benedict, that others are moved by his consistent faith and constant trust in the Lord, we pray to the Lord.

**Lent II**

For Pope Benedict XVI, that he continue to call others to transformation in the Lord Jesus, we pray to the Lord.

**Lent III**

For Our Holy Father, that his prayerfulness will draw others into a closer relationship with the Lord, we pray to the Lord.

**Lent IV**

For Pope Benedict XVI, who offers a vision of hope to those blind to the presence of God, we pray to the Lord.

**Lent V**

For our Holy Father, who calls us to the life-changing and life-sustaining hope in God that leads to eternal life, we pray to the Lord.

**Passion Sunday**

For our Holy Father, servant to the servants of God, that his concern for those who are suffering may lead them to great consolation in the Lord Jesus, we pray to the Lord

**Easter**

For Pope Benedict XVI, vicar of Christ and successor to Peter, that all the world will experience through his priestly example the presence of the Risen Lord, we pray to the Lord.

**Easter II**

For the Holy Father, that his faith in the mercy of God bring about reconciliation and healing in the world, we pray to the Lord.

**Easter III**

For Pope Benedict XVI, soon to visit the United States, that he experience the faithfulness, compassion, and diversity of the American church, we pray to the Lord.

**Easter IV**

For our Holy Father: for a safe journey and a warm welcome from the American people, we pray to the Lord.

**Easter V**

For Pope Benedict XVI, that he return safely to Rome and remain in good health and serve the Church for years to come, we pray to the Lord.