

## St. Nicholas Intercessions

*based on the story/objects relating to St. Nicholas*

### *Poem*

Storytelling God,  
We give you thanks for storytellers, artists and poets of all times and places who hand down traditions and stories that give our lives a deeper richness and meaning.

### *Orange*

Exotic God,  
We pray for those in exotic far off lands whose customs may be strange and unfamiliar but who bring colour and diversity to our everyday lives.

### *Gold coins*

Resourceful God,  
We remember those whose stories are of struggle and hardship and pray that world economic and trade systems would be made fair.

### *Elf's hat*

Oppressed God,  
For all those held captive, silenced or forced to work as slaves we confess the structural sin of our world and pray for release and healing.

### *Carrot*

Mysterious God,  
We live in a beautiful, diverse world where new species are still being discovered and pray that we will curb our consumption of earth's resources so creation may flourish.

### *Baubles*

Redemptive God,  
For all those whose lives are controlled by debt, from countries to individuals. May we learn that Christmas is not the festival of credit card companies but a festival of hope and new beginnings.

### *Boots*

Gift-giving God,  
We look forward to the enchantment of Christmas with its rich traditions drawn from across the world, where gift-giving draws us to a straw filled manger and the cry of a baby calls us to peace.

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