**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** We pray to our Redeemer who humbled himself to receive baptism at the hands of John. Filled with the Spirit, we bring our prayers before the Lord.

1. For the Church: in this Jubilee year, renew in the hearts of your ‘beloved’ a faith that is alive, a charity that is on fire, and a hope that is renewed. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For all believers, those baptised with ‘*the Holy Spirit and fire’*. Set their hearts on fire with a desire to faithfully and boldly witness to the truths of our Catholic faith. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For those whose livelihoods and homes have been destroyed by the recent wildfires in California. Protect those working to control the fires and bring an end to peoples suffering and distress. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For those who support parents in preparation for their infant’s baptism. Set them on fire with the Holy Spirit, that they bring the light of faith to the hearts of all believers. **Lord hear us.**
5. As we prepare to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for all Christian communities. Grant them the patience to work together in their search for understanding and unity. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For peace in our world: in countries torn apart by war and conflict, *‘bless your people with peace’*. **Lord, hear us.**
7. In gratitude for the gift of ‘*expectancy’* that anticipates God’s goodness. Help us to surrender and trust as God’s will unfolds in our lives. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For those ‘*called to serve the cause of right*’: we pray for those who speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Bless them in their unfailing pursuit of justice and truth. **Lord, hear us.**
9. For those who are sick: with faith and hope, lay your healing hand on all who are suffering and in pain. **Lord, hear us.**
10. For those who have died: after the offering of their lives, may they ‘*be acceptable to him’*. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** God our Father, may your heavenly grace transform us, that with our eyes fixed with love and joy on that which does not pass away, our prayers may be granted through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.