**Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** On this Feast of the Epiphany, when the light of Christ was revealed to all the nations of the world, we turn to God our Father, confident that he will hear and answer our prayers.

1. For the Church: that the light of Christ may draw all people to worship him as God, proclaim him as King, and acknowledge him as Redeemer. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For all who engage in voluntary work, reaching out to others and seeking to minister to others and strengthen social ties; help them nourish the hope they need to undertake this work. **Lord, hear us.**
3. We pray for all who have travelled from different parts of the world to make their home here in Ireland; may experience hospitality and welcome as they and their families put down roots and make their home in our parishes. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For artists, writers, and musicians; inspire them with your Holy Spirit that they may use their gifts to lift our minds and hearts to the Lord in wonder, homage, and worship. **Lord, hear us.**
5. ‘In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails’. We pray for peace throughout the world, that lasting peace will prevail in areas of conflict and war. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For the world in which we live. Help us protect the natural world, our common home. Teach us to love what you have created and to care for the earth as your gift and our home. **Lord, hear us.**
7. Through our synodal journey, may we continue to be formed as disciples of Christ, as we grow in our shared responsibility for mission. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For those who have died; may the light of Christ lead the faithful departed to his heavenly home. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, you called us out of darkness into the wonderful light of Christ your Son, the light for the whole world. We ask you to hear our prayers and make manifest your Kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  **Amen.**