

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant:

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, when Christ was revealed as the Father's Beloved Son, we turn to God our Father confident that he will hear and answer our prayers:

1. For the Church: that all the baptised will be inspired and strengthened by the Holy Spirit to give united witness to their faith in the Lord, Jesus. **Lord, hear us.**

2. We pray for all in our parish who are welcomed into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism in the last year. Bless them as they grow in faith and love through the guidance of their parents and godparents. **Lord, hear us.**

3. For all those who do not yet know Jesus as the beloved Son of God, that they may open their hearts and come to believe in the Good News. **Lord, hear us.**

4. For peace with justice throughout the world, that all people will turn from hatred to love and from violence to peace. **Lord, hear us.**

5. For a true spirit of humility and evangelisation that, in our preaching, prayer and example, we may always point away from ourselves and towards the living Christ. **Lord, hear us.**

6. For the homeless and those who spend days and nights in the cold. Help community leaders find solutions to the homelessness crisis and may we find room in our hearts to reach out in help and support. **Lord, hear us.**

7. For the faithful who have gone before us, that we may follow the example of their lives and be reunited with them in the joy of everlasting life. **Lord, hear us.**

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Almighty Father, pour out your Spirit upon your people gathered here in prayer. Renew in us the grace of our Baptism so that we may reflect ever more faithfully the image of your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.