

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 Beloved Son, we turn to God our Father as His beloved children.

1. For the Church, that all who have been baptised will be inspired by the Holy Spirit to give united witness to the Lord. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For all the baptised, especially those who are questioning, weary, or indifferent: ignite within them the grace of their baptism to reveal the love of God made visible in Jesus. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For those preparing for Baptism at Easter, especially candidates undergoing the RCIA process; may the prayerful support and joyful witness of their communities encourage and sustain them in their preparation. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For parents presenting their children for Baptism; through the grace of the Sacrament may they contemplate the face of Christ who draws all into the fullness of life with Him. **Lord, hear us.**
5. May we listen to the cries of the Prince of Peace for all who are suffering because of war in Ukraine, and may he enlighten the minds of those who have the power to silence the thunder of weapons. **Lord, hear us.** (Pope Francis, Christmas Day, 2022)
6. We pray for strength and healing for those who are sick or elderly. May the Body of Christ never tire of reaching out and supporting them in love and compassion. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For all who have died; through the saving grace of the waters of Baptism, may they be deemed 'fit for eternity'. **Lord, hear us.**

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Open the heavens, Almighty Father, and pour out your Spirit upon your people gathered here in prayer, that we may reflect ever more faithfully the faith we profess, through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**