

Feast of the Epiphany

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 whole Church, that all who follow Jesus will continue to lead others to the light of Christ. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For the young of our Diocese as they prepare for World Youth Day in Lisbon; like the Wise Men, may they journey in faith to worship Christ, the light of the World. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For vocations to priesthood and religious life; may those discerning the Lord's call listen attentively to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and follow the 'way' laid out for them. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For all who are seeking meaning and purpose in their lives that, at the end of their searching, they will come to recognise Christ as the source of wisdom and light in the world. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For our parish community: may we harness the 'gifts' which strengthen our community, powerfully witnessing to the presence of God's love among us. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who has fallen asleep in the Lord: may the eternal Shepherd receive him into his kingdom of light and peace. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For all who have died: lead them safely to the bright light of eternity. **Lord, hear us.**

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Father of light, today you reveal to people of faith your Word made flesh. Draw us beyond the limits of this world into your radiant light. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**