### Prayer of the Faithful

# The Epiphany of the Lord, Year C

### Presider

God’s love draws us and encourages us to become a people of prayer so we can live a fuller life in the Spirit.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and all the bishops of the Church. May they continue to lead us with the light of the Good News of Christ.

Lord, hear us.
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who make our laws and administer justice. May they who work for the displaced and for the refugees of our world be guided by the message of today’s feast: that God reaches out to all people.

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We pray for all who have been baptised. May our common baptism be the source of what unites us as the Body of Christ.

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We pray for those who face new beginnings in the year ahead: students choosing courses of study, those seeking employment, couples preparing for marriage, and widows and widowers now alone. May they be strengthened by the Spirit and guided by Christ’s message of the gospels.

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We pray for the sick and for those who care for them.
We pray for all who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they now share the eternal life that was promised to us through Jesus’ death and resurrection.

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### Presider

As your people, O God, you have called us to a stewardship of prayer. We entrust these prayers to you this day, through Christ, our Lord.
**Amen.**