### Prayer of the Faithful

# The Epiphany of the Lord, Year A

### Presider

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

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and all the bishops of the Church. May they continue to lead by the light that is the Good News of Christ’s Gospel.

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

We pray for all who make our laws and administer justice. May those who work for the displaced and refugees of our world find guidance in the meaning of today’s feast, that God reaches out to all people.

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

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

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all of us who have been baptised into Christ’s Body, the Church. May we always be faithful to the teachings of Jesus.

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We pray for for Pope Emeritus Benedict, who united himself with the Lord’s Passion and Cross.   
Through death, may he may come to share in the glory of the Lord’s Resurrection.

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick of our parish and for those who care for them.  
We pray for the recently departed and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they now share the eternal life promised to us through Jesus’ death and resurrection.

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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As your people, O God, you have called us to a stewardship of prayer. These prayers we entrust to you today, through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**