

Intercessions for 12 January 2025

Epiphany 1 / Baptism of Christ

Heavenly Father, who sent the Holy Spirit on your Son at his baptism, to anoint him for the service of mankind: send your Spirit now to us who have been made your children by adoption and grace, that we may follow in his steps and work for the coming of his kingdom, to the glory of his name.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, come with power to the world, to make your name known and honoured in every place. Guide those you have chosen to be your agents in places of authority, that they may rule with justice and break down all barriers to the truth. We pray especially that you will guide those with influence to relieve the suffering of those caught up in armed conflict in the Middle East, in Africa and in Eastern Europe.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord, bless our families and our friends with your presence. Bless all young families in our community. Father of all, accept our thanks for the joys of family life. Help us to live so that we may strengthen and enrich the lives of our families and our community. Help us to build the kinds of family and community that welcomes the stranger, the lonely and the needy.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Loving Father, have mercy on all those who suffer from all kinds of adversity: sickness, hunger, poverty, persecution. We especially ask for your mercy on all affected by the wild fires in Los Angeles, many of whom have lost their homes and all their possessions. We ask you to comfort those who have lost loved ones, and to strengthen the courage and resolve of the fire-fighters.

Lord, we now offer in silent prayer all those known to us personally in need of your comfort and blessing...

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Finally, Lord, we thank you that, in uniting us with Christ in our baptism, you have made us one with all members of your worldwide church. Help us to glorify you daily, by dying to sin and rising to righteousness, in fellowship with all Christ's people everywhere, for his name's sake.

Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.