

Intercessions for The Baptism of Christ -Year C–12th January 2025

Mighty God, Lord of life, we thank you for the moments in history which have pointed towards the mystery of baptism: especially Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, when you opened the door of heaven to proclaim him to be your beloved son and sent the Holy Spirit down upon him.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Everlasting God, we pray for all baptised Christians throughout the world, especially for those preparing for Baptism and for the Confirmation here in our Church. We raise before you for the candidates, parents, sponsors and godparents and pray that they be given the grace, courage and perseverance to faithfully keep the promises they will make.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Ever-loving God, we pray for peace and integrity in all negotiations in international conflicts. Hear the cries of the people of the world who have never known peace; bring healing to those suffering from the violence of terrorism, and comfort those mourning the dead.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Creator God, and Holy Spirit who in the beginning hovered over the waters and at Jesus' baptism descended in the form of a dove, come to us, open our hearts and minds, so that we too may hear your life-giving word and be renewed by the power of the spirit.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Father God, your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth: we give thanks for his presence with us in our homes and in our lives. Guide us in our relationships with family and neighbours, especially those in trouble or need, and bless those who have guided and enriched our own lives.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Gracious God, we pray for the sick who because of their weariness or pain find it difficult to pray; may they be aware of our prayers on their behalf and graciously accept the support and love of their families and friends within the Church and the wider community.

(add names of those requesting prayer)

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Merciful God, we pray for those who are dying and those who have already completed their life here on earth; may they rest in peace and rise in glory

(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Holy God, we thank you for helping us to pray; deepen our appreciation of your creation so that as we go about our busy lives through this coming week we may do it with eyes wide open to the richness and colour of our surroundings and the vibrant variety of the people we live amongst.

Merciful father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

