

Prayer of the Church—Responsive Form
The Baptism of Our Lord (B)
10 January 2021

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, You have revealed Your Son to us in the wondrous Epiphany in the Jordan. So also You have revealed Your name and blessing to us in Holy Baptism, declaring us Your beloved heirs. Grant that we may daily die to sin and rise to newness of life, living with joy as Your baptized children. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Preserve Your Holy Church here and scattered throughout the world. Give steadfast faith to all Christians by the preaching of Your Word and through the Holy Sacraments. Send laborers into Your harvest. Prepare and Call the man of Your own choosing to be our pastor. Enliven the love of Your saints to bear one another's burdens and to show mercy toward those outside of the Church. Quicken us in the hope of eternal life in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Preserve the family, especially all Christian homes. Turn husband and wife toward one another in love, equip fathers and mothers for their holy duty as teachers of the faith, and preserve all children in the saving faith and certain promises of their Baptism unto life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Preserve our nation, its leaders and those who serve for the good of our people and for their protection. Grant peace in our time, O Lord, for You alone fight for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give comfort and relief to those who are sick, depressed, tired, confused or in any need [*especially _____*]. Watch over all expectant mothers and their children, [*especially _____*] that they may have a safe delivery and be brought also to the life-giving waters of Holy Baptism and Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be with those who are near death, [*especially _____*] that they may hear Your Son's Words of grace in their last hour and be confident in their Baptism, where You named them Your child. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

At Your invitation, O Father, we come to Your Supper for rest. Preserve us from impenitence and unbelief, cleanse us from our unrighteousness, and clothe us with the righteousness purchased with Your blood. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, You manifested Yourself, with the Holy Spirit, in the fullness of grace at the baptism of Your dear Son and, with Your voice, directed us to Him who has borne our sins, that we might receive grace and the remission of sins. Keep us, we beseech You, in the true faith. Since we have been baptized in accordance with Your command and the example of Your dear Son, we pray You to strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit and lead us to everlasting life and salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for the revelation of Jesus Christ to us in His wondrous Epiphany in the Jordan, and for the revelation of God's name and blessing to us in Holy Baptism, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the baptized children of God, that we may daily die to sin and rise to newness of life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Holy Church here and scattered throughout the world, that God would send laborers into His harvest, give steadfast faith to Christians by the preaching of His Word and through the Holy Sacraments, enliven the love of His saints to bear one another's burdens and show mercy toward those outside of the Church, and quicken us in the hope of eternal life in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the family, especially all Christian homes; for husbands and wives, that God would turn them toward one another in love; for fathers and mothers, that God would equip them for their holy duty as teachers of the faith; and for all children, that God would preserve them in the saving faith and certain promises of their Baptism unto life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation and its leaders; for those who serve for the good of our people and for their protection; and for peace in our time and the peace which God alone can give, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick, depressed, tired, confused and those in any need, [*especially _____,*] that they would know God's comfort; and for all expectant mothers and their children, [*especially _____,*] that they may have a safe delivery and be brought also to the life-giving waters of Holy Baptism and Your name, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are near death, [*especially _____,*] that they may hear Your Son's Words of grace in their last hour and be confident in their Baptism, where You named them Your child, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who come to the Lord's Supper for rest, that the Holy Spirit would preserve us from impenitence and unbelief, cleanse us from our unrighteousness, and clothe us with the righteousness purchased with Christ's blood, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, You manifested Yourself, with the Holy Spirit, in the fullness of grace at the baptism of Your dear Son and, with Your voice, directed us to Him who has borne our sins, that we might receive grace and the remission of sins. Keep us, we beseech You, in the true faith. Since we have been baptized in accordance with Your command and the example of Your dear Son, we pray You to strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit and lead us to everlasting life and salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**