

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

PRIEST: United in the faith we have professed, the commandment of love, we turn to the Lord with all our needs.

READER: We pray for the Church throughout the world that Christian communities, gathered at the Lord's Table, may be seen as a people called by God out of every nation, ethnic origin and tradition, to follow Christ in all things. We pray for this congregation that we may truly become disciples of Christ as we worship together in this Mass. **Lord in your mercy, hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for those who have evil and violence in their hearts. May they abandon their hatred and come back to the Lord who is rich in forgiveness and compassion. **Lord in your mercy, hear our Prayer.**

In God's infinite love we have each been called to repent and return to God in whole hearted faith. We pray that, as we celebrate the Lord's Baptism, we remember our own baptismal promises to help each other to grow in our understanding of God's call. **Lord in your mercy, hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the world's leaders and diplomats that all nations may work together for a world of non-violence, justice and peace and hope for future generations. **Lord in your mercy, hear our Prayer.**

Let us remember the hungry and homeless, the unemployed. We pray that the world's wealth and abundance may be justly shared with all who are in need. **Lord in your mercy, hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for all who are sick and for all who are in hospital. May they find the treatment they need and the healing grace of our Lord. **Lord in your mercy, hear our Prayer.**

We pray for those who care for the sick and injured, may they have the skill and compassion they need and be given the resources and means to serve with love and joy. Putting the welfare of the patients before politics and worries about the financial cost. **Lord in your mercy, hear our Prayer.**

In the silence of our hearts, let us pray for our own families and friends and our own intentions. Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us. **Hail Mary ...**

PRIEST: Jesus did not break the crushed reed or snuff out the faltering wick. We are all weak and crushed and faltering flames, we are all in need of healing and hope. So on this feast of the Baptism we are reminded that we have been reborn as children of God. May we find the fullness of life in Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**