

Prayers of the People - Epiphany

Let us pray for our own needs and those of all nations and people upon whom the glory of God has shown in Christ, saying: *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

For the Church: especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that Christ's Light may beckon many from near and far to come and be heirs with us, members of the one Body of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

For this parish family, that we, like the Magi, may offer Christ the gold of living faith, the incense of our worship, and the myrrh of compassion for others, let us pray to the Lord. ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

For all who live and work in places of danger, especially those in the military, and for the leaders of the nations, that in this new year their hearts may yearn for the dawn of peace and the flourishing of justice, let us pray to the Lord. ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

For all who seek the face of God, that the light of Christ may guide them to find God's grace, let us pray to the Lord. ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

For all travelers, for the hungry, the homeless and the oppressed, and for the sick and the suffering, remembering especially..... that in the light of Christ they may find new hope and peace, let us pray to the Lord. ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

For all those who have died, remembering especiallythat having followed the star of faith and walked in the light of Christ, they may see God face to face, let us pray to the Lord. ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, and with all the saints and angels, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

Celebrant: God of the stars of night, accept our prayers and scatter again the darkness that covers the earth and divides your people. Fill our hearts with your word of truth and summon all who hunger to the banquet of your love. Glory to you for ever and ever. AMEN.