

**Intentions for Prayer**  
**The Baptism of The Lord**

That Christians may be free from persecution and peacefully seek to lead all peoples to come to acknowledge Christ, the Son of God:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That nations and peoples may resolve their conflicts by seeking justice and peace, beginning with a willingness to listen to one another,

*Lord, hear us ...*

That the Christian community, made one by our common baptism, may always welcome the unborn, the stranger, and all who are vulnerable:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That each of us may renew the commitment of our own baptism, renouncing sin and promising to serve God faithfully in his holy Church:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That we may not take for granted the gift of life itself, our health and our strength, the love and support of family and friends, the beauty of God's creation,

*Lord, hear us ...*

For an end to this pandemic; that widespread vaccination may prove successful and that nations may work together and neighbours help one another:

*Lord, hear us ...*

For doctors, nurses, healthcare workers and carers; that they may be sustained in their service and bring healing and help to all who are in their care during this time of pandemic:

*Lord, hear us ...*

For those who must endure a time of self-isolation or make the sacrifice of shielding for another; that they may have reward for their goodness:

*Lord, hear us ...*

For the sick, the suffering and the fearful; that they may be comforted by the presence of Christ's peace in their hearts:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That those who grieve for their departed loved ones may be consoled by the promise and joy of our Lord Jesus Christ:

*Lord, hear us ...*

May the Mother of God assist us as we pray: *Hail, Mary...*