

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
**CYCLE B**  
**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** On this day, the heavens were opened as the Spirit descended upon Christ at his Baptism. Let us ask our Father to send His blessings upon the world.

Our response is: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. For the Church, and for its leaders especially for our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Bishop Paul, and all priests and religious that God's favour may rest upon them to lead the church in the way of love, service and generosity. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. For all the leaders of the world who have to make difficult and important decisions, may they be blessed and inspired to do the best for the humanity. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. For all the families of our Parish, that they may continue to help their children to grow in wisdom and love. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. For all those who received baptism, that they may realise that they are chosen to be the beloved children of God. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. For all of us, that we may persevere in the right choices we have made to fulfil God's will in our lives. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** Almighty Father, by our baptism you adopted us as your sons and daughters. Hear our prayers which we make through your beloved Son, who is Lord for ever and ever.

Amen.