

General intercessions
The Baptism of the Lord (C)

Celebrant:

Through our baptism we are able to offer these petitions to God as our Father. We therefore pray with confidence.

Reader:

That the Church may effectively lead all peoples to come to knowledge of Jesus as the Son of God:

Lord, hear us ...

That all nations may resolve their conflicts by seeking justice and peace especially with regards to disputes over natural resources:

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 those who are sick or suffering may offer their sufferings to the Lord with patience and trust in his enduring love:

Lord, hear us ...

That those who have died may share the glory of eternal life and reap the promise first offered in baptism:

Lord, hear us ...

Celebrant:

Let us seek the help of Mary, Mother of God, as we say, *Hail, Mary...*

Father, we thank you for making us your children. Answer the prayers we have offered today with confidence and trust. Through Christ our Lord.