

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
CYCLE C
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: On this day, the heavens were opened as the Spirit descended upon Christ at his Baptism. In prayer, we ask the Father to unseal the fountain of his blessings upon the world.

Our response is: *Lord, sanctify us.*

1. For the Church, like her Lord, the Beloved of the Father, that his favour may always rest upon her, and his Spirit overshadow her with truth and power. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, sanctify us.*

2. For Pope Francis and all bishops, clergy and religious, that they may they continue to help others grow in wisdom of their faith through the message of Jesus. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, sanctify us.*

3. For those who have become lukewarm in their faith, that the Spirit given in their baptism will rekindle faith and love in their hearts. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, sanctify us.*

4. For ourselves and our community, that we may eagerly follow Christ's call at our baptism and establish true justice on earth. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, sanctify us.*

6. For the visit of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that the Lord may continue to bless him and use him to open our hearts to the truth, so that we may reaffirm our adherence to Jesus, with the commitment to live as Christians and members of the Church in which all are brothers and sisters. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, sanctify us.*

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

Response: *Amen.*