

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

BAPTISM OF THE LORD [YEAR C]

Celebrant: Baptized into Christ and anointed by his Spirit, let us confidently approach the Father through him with our petitions.

Together we pray, saying: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. That the power of the Spirit
and the favour of the Father
may rest on Christ's Body, the Church,
to make it a joyful messenger
of God's saving power.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. That the wisdom of the Spirit
may bring about God's Kingdom of justice and peace
in the sight of all people.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. That the courage of the Spirit
may strengthen all the baptized
to carry their cross of suffering and difficulty
in union with Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. That the love of the Spirit
may empower us to live our baptismal commitment
by giving up what does not lead to God
and daily following his way.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. That the breath of the Spirit
may raise up all the baptized on the last day
to inherit the eternal life of God's children.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant:

God our Father, hear our humble prayers,
so that we who have become your children
through water and the Holy Spirit,
may always proclaim your goodness in our lives.
Through Christ our Lord. **Response:** *Amen.*