

Prayer of the Church
The Epiphany of Our Lord
7 January 2024

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God enthroned forever, You love righteousness and hate wickedness. For our sakes, You sent Your only begotten Son to suffer the wages of our sin, that we might be holy in Your sight. As You have poured grace and salvation upon us, so anoint us also with the oil of gladness and the hope of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, eternal Light, You made Paul a minister according to the gift of Your grace. Embolden our pastors to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. Open our ears to hear and our hearts to believe their message that the King of kings has given His life for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You prepared a place for Your Son, Jesus, in the womb of the Virgin Mary and in the home of Mary and Joseph. Bless our homes and all who dwell in them, that Your Word would be heard and Your mercy be shown therein. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, bring an end to all threats of violence. Raise up leaders who will act with integrity, pursue justice and follow Your commands. Grant to all people the blessings of food, shelter, medical care and safety, and sustain those whose duty it is to protect and defend. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give to the afflicted Your comforting presence, relief in their suffering and healing according to Your will. Sustain Your servants who trust in You. Give hope to the weary and peace to the dying. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have anointed Your Son to be our Savior and have established His throne forever and ever. Grant that we who are called by His name would see His reign spread among all nations; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**