

Epiphany (6 January 2019)
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

1. We pray for the church of God and her leaders; may we vigorously welcome and celebrate the diversity of cultures and peoples across the earth; enhancing what unites us as members of the same human family ... we pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for the people in the land where Jesus lived and died, torn by violence and war; and for the many conflicts that need resolving among the major faith communities that call on the God of Abraham and Jesus ... we pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for all Christian communities that profess faith in Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation; may we make God better known through our way of life; and help draw others to Jesus and his gospel ... we pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for those who struggle to expand their horizons beyond the familiar, who are fearful, or who resist those of a different race, language, politics, religion, or culture; for hearts of mercy and peace ... we pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for world leaders and organizations that work to address issues and challenges affecting us and the world we live in; for greater willingness to find consensus, and prevent harm to the most vulnerable ... we pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for those among our families and in our community who struggle with physical illness and mental health issues; for the homebound, the disabled, the dying, and their caregivers; we pray also for
Kevin Anderson; William Fitzpatrick Sr.; Sara Lagasse (la-GAH-see);
Gertrude Hughes; Trisha Anne Doctor; Callie Robertson; Cortney Small;

... for healing and consolation in their time of need ... we pray to the Lord.
7. We pray for our loved ones who have died, as well as those whom no one remembers, victims of war, random violence, and natural disaster; we pray also for
Raymond Depa; Lawrence Haverkamp; Lou Blanchet (blan-SHAY);
Jenny Zieniwick; Ken Kramer; Theresa Farkas;

... that God welcome them into his eternal embrace ... we pray to the Lord.