

The Baptism of the Lord Year C
13 January 2019

Priest: Open the heavens, Almighty Father and pour out your Spirit upon your people gathered in prayer:

Reader:

For the Church, the people of God (pause): that we may recognize our calling to be daughters and sons of God who have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit and sent to share the Good News with others.

Lord hear us.

For a renewal of the gift of the Holy Spirit (pause): that we will respond to our calling to live compassionate Christian lives and become strong in our faith and dynamic in love.

Lord hear us.

For a deepening of prayer in our lives (pause): that, like Jesus, we may grow in our relationship with the Lord through prayer and listening.

Lord hear us.

For all who have been baptized in our community (pause): that they may become faithful disciples of Jesus and continue to grow in their knowledge and love of God.

Lord hear us.

For all who are bereaved or suffering, especially during this flu season (pause): that they may be comforted and experience healing in body, mind, and spirit.

Lord hear us.

Priest

For those who have died:

God, all-compassionate and all-loving, we believe that everything from your hand is for our good, even when we cannot see it at the time. Help us to place our trust in you, our good shepherd, as you carry us through life. Amen.