

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
12th and 13th January 2019**

PRIEST

My dear friends, today we remember Christ's baptism in the Jordan, when he was anointed with the Holy Spirit for the work of our salvation. Let us pray to God that we may receive Christ's Spirit and share in his saving work.

FAITHFUL

We pray for the Church and its' leaders in their work to bring God's message of love, freedom and truth to all people. We pray for these leaders to have courage and wisdom in their difficult roles...**LORD HEAR OUR US**

We thank God for the gift of our own baptism and we pray that we may all continue to live lives that demonstrate our faith and that honour our duties to all others...**LORD HEAR US**

We pray that all political leaders will follow those who have the wisdom and courage to ensure the protection of human rights and of those who seek to uphold them....**LORD HEAR OUR US**

We pray for all those affected by so many natural disasters in our region. May they experience small miracles every day among the prayers and help they receive to rebuild lives and communities with dignity...**LORD HEAR US**

John had eyes of faith open to recognise who Jesus was. May we live with our eyes wide open and our hearts open to be a dwelling place for peace....**LORD HEAR US**

We pray for our own special intentions...**LORD HEAR US**

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We pray for all those who are ill or injured, for those who died ~~this week~~ and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.....**LORD HEAR US**

PRIEST

God, our Father, in Christ's baptism you showed that your Son had become man to save sinners and to make us your adopted sons and daughters. Help us to resist evil and to bear witness to the goodness of your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN