

Season of Ordinary Time : The Baptism of the Lord, B
(First Sunday in Ordinary Time)
General Intercessions

Priest

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

In this season of hope and blessing, we pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For the Church;
that all of us who are baptised into Christ
may inspire others to recognise their Saviour.

PAUSE for silent prayer — at least five seconds. Repeat after each intention.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

2. For the nations of the world;
that the Christmas message of peace may bring an end to conflict and division;
we pray especially for all the peoples of the Holy Land.
3. For healing and wholeness:
across the face of the earth, and in our own life.
4. For pupils and students,
for teachers, and all who work in education;
that the wisdom of God will inspire and direct them.
5. For all members of our parishes;
that our witness to the Saviour and our care of those in need
will draw others into the mystery of Christ.
6. For the faithful departed, who have recognised Jesus as their Saviour;
that he will gather them to himself in the glory of the kingdom.

Priest

Almighty and eternal God,
when Christ was baptised in the river Jordan,
the Holy Spirit came upon him
and your voice declared him your beloved Son.

Keep all who are reborn of water and the Spirit
as children of adoption in whom you are well pleased.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.