

Prayer of the Faithful (9 February 2025)

Priest: As we celebrate the Lord's Epiphany in his baptism, let us pray to God that he make us ever conscious of his presence among us:

Readers:

1. Let us pray for those who like the prophet Isaiah have received leadership positions in the church, that they may trust the Lord in his confidence in them. *Pause...* Lord, hear us.
2. Let us pray for those who doubt their own abilities, that they may be encouraged by others. *Pause...* Lord, hear us.
3. Let us pray for ourselves, that we may trust the Lord inviting us to go beyond the security of what we know in order to achieve more than we can dream. *Pause...* Lord, hear us.
4. Let us pray for those preparing to begin receiving Holy Communion, that they may be helped to become closer to Jesus. *Pause...* Lord, hear us.

The priest will add the final intercession for the faithful departed, mentioning names. Then he will conclude the Prayer of the Faithful...*through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

After this, all four readers may return to their seats.

***At the same time as the four readers are coming down, two people go right away to the bread and wine in order to bring them up to the priest.