

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Nativity of St John the Baptist

PRIEST: In company with St John the Baptist and with all the saints,
let us commend ourselves and the whole world
to the loving mercy of God as we pray:

READER: **For the Church, that the Word of God may be truly
a light for the nations, so that salvation may reach
to the ends of the earth.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the world, that its peoples and their children
may grow in justice, peace and prosperity.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who work to serve or save others, that
their generous self-sacrifice will be rewarded and bear fruit.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our own parish community, that we may each be filled
with the courage, faith and humility of St John.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the unborn, that God, who calls them into being and forms them
in the womb, may keep them in safety and preserve them from harm.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are sick or suffering, elderly or infirm,
that they will find comfort and healing in Christ.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God of holiness,
you made St John a mighty herald for your Son.
As we celebrate his birth,
help us, by his example and intercession,
to serve you with heartfelt love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.