

PRIEST: On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, when Christ was revealed as the Beloved Son, we turn to God our Father confident that he will hear and answer our prayers:

READER: **For the Church, that all who have been baptised will be inspired by the Holy Spirit to give united witness to the Lord.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all those who do not yet know Jesus as the beloved Son of God, that they may open their hearts and come to believe in the Good News.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For peace with justice throughout the world, that all people will turn from hatred to love and from violence to peace.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all those in our parish, both children and adults, who will be baptised in the coming year.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For the sick, the lonely, the housebound and the vulnerable that, in the midst of their suffering, they will experience the loving arms of Christ.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: Open the heavens, Almighty Father, and pour out your Spirit upon your people gathered here in prayer. Renew in us the grace of our Baptism so that we may reflect ever more faithfully the image of your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.