



Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai

The Baptism of the Lord - 8th January 2024

Prayers of the faithful

Celebrant: John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness proclaiming a baptism of repentance. The people thought that he was the long-awaited Messiah but John humbly lets them know that he is the one who will make the path straight for the coming of the Messiah and that the Lord will be the one who will baptize them with the Holy Spirit. Let us, therefore, always pray and be filled with the Spirit of God, saying,

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For our Pope Francis, Archbishop Felix, all Priests and Religious, that with the help of the Holy Spirit they may continue to be dedicated to the work of proclaiming the love of God to all people, **we pray to the Lord.**
2. For the leaders of Governments and those in authority – that may resort to diplomacy rather than violence to sort out the differences between nations, **we pray to the Lord.**
3. For all the faithful, that they may rely on the power of the Holy Spirit rather than their own strength and talents, **we pray to the Lord.**
4. For the sick, the bed-ridden and the mentally and physically challenged, that God may give them strength and healing, and that they may find help from those around them, **we pray to the Lord.**
5. Let us pray for our personal needs, , **we pray to the Lord.**

Priest's Prayer: God our Father, we thank you for sending your Spirit upon us. Help us to be prayerful and holy so that your Spirit may always be with us to remind us of all that your Son Jesus has told us to do, we make this prayer, through Christ our Lord,

R: Amen.