

Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, VasaiThe Epiphany of the Lord - 7th January 2024

Prayers of the faithful

Celebrant: Dear brothers and sisters, Epiphany marks the manifestation of the Messiah, to the Gentile world. Guided by a star, the Magi made the long and tedious journey to the new-born Child. Let us pray that we too may become sincere seekers of the truth that Jesus embodies, saying,

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

- 1. For our Pope Francis, Archbishop Felix, all Priests and Religious, that God may bless and guide them in converting many non-believers to Him, we pray to the Lord.
- 2. For the leaders of Governments and those in authority that they may work selflessly and sincerely for the good of the people, we pray to the Lord.
- 3. That, as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, we may realise the great love of God who wants to be revealed to people from all over the Earth, we pray to the Lord.
- 4. For the poor, the weak and the vulnerable women and children who are exposed to rape, assault and murder, that God may protect them, and that justice is granted to them by the state, we pray to the Lord.
- 5. That as we prepare to celebrate the Jubilee Year we may, as pilgrims of hope, light the candle of hope in our families, workplaces, diocese and society, we pray to the Lord.
- 6. Let us pray for our personal needs,, we pray to the Lord.

Priest's Prayer: God our Father, we thank you for the joy You bestow on us through the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany. We firmly believe that you sent your Son to save all humanity. Grant us the grace that we too, like the Wise Men, may seek and find Christ, your Son, we make this prayer, through Christ our Lord,

R: Amen.