

## **BIDDING PRAYERS: Feast of Our Lord's Baptism (C) 9/1/22**

**PRIEST** Introductory prayer: "As God's Sons and Daughters let us pray with great confidence."

**READER:** Let us pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis, for Pope Emeritus Benedict and all the members of the Church that we may reveal more fully God's abiding love for everyone, by drawing closer to the person of Christ. (*Pause.*) "Lord hear us" R/. "Lord graciously hear us."

Let us pray for those who suffer under unjust rulers and governments: that where there is hatred we may bring love, that where there is darkness we may bring light and that where there is sadness we may bring joy. We pray specially for the Refugees in Syria, Iraq, the Middle East and South Sudan (*Pause*) "Lord hear us" R/. "Lord graciously hear us."

Let us pray for those who seek wisdom in the fields of science, medicine and technology: that their labours may bring wholeness and life to the human race (*Pause*) " Lord hear us" R/. "Lord graciously hear us."

In union with all Christians we thank God for those who have brought the good news of Jesus to us, and all who nourish our faith today. May we work in unity and openness for the coming of God's kingdom. (*Pause*) "Lord hear us" R/. "Lord, graciously hear us."

We pray for all in our community who are suffering from hardship, anxiety or ill health. May their faith sustain them. Among the sick we pray for Tom Oliver, Joanne Moss, Philip Saunders, Molly Saunders, Damian Poole, Dan Doyle, Lena Gallagher, Kath Clarke, Ken and Doreen Shirley, and all mentioned in the Newsletter . (*Pause*) "Lord hear us" R/. "Lord graciously hear us."

We pray for those who have died recently, including Teresa Doherty, Keith Burgess, Brian Jones, Eileen Kelly, George Bicknell, Freda Warren, John Groark, and for those who have died in recent tragedies. May they find true happiness and peace with God. We remember also those with anniversaries, (*Pause*) "Lord hear us" R/. "Lord graciously hear us."

We ask the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, as we say: **Hail Mary...**

We pray in silence for our own needs and we remember those intentions placed in the prayer box.

**PRIEST:** "Loving Father, at the baptism of Your Son Your voice was our consolation, our hope and our joy. Console us again through Your Word, Jesus Christ, who is our Lord, now and for ever."