

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Epiphany 2021

Presider: Drawn together into the heart of God, let us respond to each prayer with the words,
“That we all may be one.”

Presider: You, who by the leading of a star guided us to your Son. Continue to lead your Church by the example of Jesus, instructing us how to live with one another, to serve our neighbor, and do God’s work in the world.

Silence

Christ be our light.

That we all may be one.

Lector 2: You, who brought light to the complexity and splendor of nature, help us to delight in our God-given earth. Help us to repair what we have harmed for the delicate balance of our environment, and for communities ravaged by storms, floods, and fires.

Silence

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Presider: You, who delivered your people from slavery to the land of promise, illumine our nation’s newly elected president and vice-president with the light of wisdom. Grant them a commitment to serve all people and the courage to enact change for the well-being of our nation at home and in the world.

Silence

Christ be our light.

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Lector 2: You, who patterned the stars and had the vision of our universe, help us to have your perspective of diversity, that divisions of race, class, gender and ethnicity may be understood, as a beautiful and common humanity.

Silence

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Presider: You, who shower comfort and hope to the poor, the lost, and the least, shine your light of compassion on the sick, and those who suffer.

As the pandemic continues, we pray for doctors, nurses, emergency responders, health care workers, and those delivering the vaccines who need renewal, strength, and our gratitude as they continue to serve at great personal risk for the sake of our well-being.

We pray for parents, students, employees and business owners whose plans and routines change, that they might be resilient and hopeful, able to adapt and endure.

We pray for our own that we remember before you. (Prayer list.....)

Silence

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Lector 2: You, who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity those who have died, welcome those loved ones we have lost. Welcome all whose lives have been cut short by Covid, by violence, warfare or strife. We lift up their souls and the hearts of their families.

Silence

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Presider: You, who framed the brightness of the first light of creation, dispel all that shatters the unity of your Church. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth and thankfulness for each other. Help us to find strength and new resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor, especially in these uncertain and challenging times.

Silence

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Presider: May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find us ever hopeful and moving forward with the light of his love. **Amen.**