

Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 12, 2020

Father Alfredo: Gathered as a family united in faith and baptism, let us with confidence bring our needs and prayers before our loving God and Father.

For Pope Francis and all who lead the Church, may they be guided by the Holy Spirit, *let us pray to the Lord ... Lord hear our prayer.*

For peace and justice across the world, may He who is acclaimed as *beloved Son* dwell in the hearts of all, *let us pray to the Lord... Lord hear our prayer.*

By the example of John the Baptist, that we as a community may express our faith by recognizing and affirming Christ in our lives, *let us pray to the Lord... Lord hear our prayer.*

For the unity among Christians of all denominations, that we may keep Christ as the centre above all our differences, *let us pray to the Lord...Lord hear our prayer.*

For the sick and for those who care for them, *let us pray to the Lord...Lord hear our prayer.*

For all who have died, may they be welcomed into their glorious dwelling place in heaven, *let us pray to the Lord....Lord hear our prayer.*

Lector: We will now pray for Vocations. The prayer is on a purple prayer leaflet found in the pews or on the back page of the Glory and Praise hymn books.

Fr. Alfredo: Eternal God...

Bless your church with holy and faithful priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son, so that in him, with him and through him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen