

Prayer of the Church Epiphany Sunday 3rd January 2020 Year B

Jesus has brought the light of life to those who were in darkness and in death's shadow. Help your Church throughout the world to be bold in sharing this good news with all people. May your light shine on our nation's leaders and people so that we may live in peace and justice may prevail. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

A star blazed forth to shine the way to your incarnate Son. Help your people to shine the light of Your Word into the darkness of this world and point the way for all to come home. Bless the work of the Board for Mission and protect them in their service. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

The wise men knelt and worshipped the infant Jesus and offered to Him their precious gifts. Help us to join them in their worship and to offer up all we have in service to our Lord. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

In your mercy remember all those who suffer in mind, body and spirit especially Bryon Andretzke, Shirley Jones, and those we name before you in our hearts. Shine on them, Lord, the comfort of Your Word, and relieve them in their distress. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Through your Son you have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. We give you praise and thanks for the victory over death and the grave that Jesus has promised to all who fall asleep in faith in Him. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Father, make us walk in your light, and shine in the darkness of our world, so that all may see your life-bringing light. We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**