

Sunday 19 February, PRAYER OF THE CHURCH - *Transfiguration*
Sunday, Year A

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the beloved Son of God, the chosen one. So, let us pray in his name with boldness, knowing that the Father will hear us for his Son's sake.

Dear heavenly Father, we pray for the church around the world. Keep us faithful to you at all times. Lift the veil from our eyes and guide us to see Christ where he is present. Throughout all the distractions of life, we ask that you would help us set our sight on Jesus Christ, and on him alone. Keep us safe and protect us from all the tricks of the devil.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray that you would guide your church to have compassion on those stumbling in the darkness, and help show Christ to all who have no faith. Help us to be unashamed of the light you have given us, and to bear it willingly with joy wherever we go and whatever we do.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Christians everywhere who are being persecuted because of the light they bear. Give them the strength to endure the hardships they are undergoing and give them the peace and hope of Christ as they battle on.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray that Christ would reveal his gracious presence to all who suffer. We pray particularly for all those in our congregations who are sick or in need, including (*insert names here*) and everyone else whose needs we hold in our hearts.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

(other petitions may be inserted here)

Lord God, hear the prayers we offer, and let your grace and mercy flow to us, and to all those for whom we pray. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.