

Epiphany:

The Light of Christ Shining into the World

Companionship Sunday, January 6, 2007

Petitions for the Prayers of the People

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Drawn to the light of Christ's appearing, we pray for the Church, for the world, and for the needs of all...

Radiant God, your abundant grace establishes and sustains the Church. Call forth from among your faithful people pastors, teachers and leaders of integrity and zeal. Draw together sisters and brothers of every people and nation into the mystical body of Christ that the world may see ever more clearly the light of the Gospel. Lord, in your mercy...

Response: Hear our prayer.

Radiant God, your light illumines the way of the Gospel in every land. Give courage and strength to the baptized in Serbia, in Tanzania and in northwestern Ohio. Draw us together around the coming of the Word which we share; deepen our commitment to the Gospel and to one another that we might find renewal and encouragement for the particular ministries to which we are called. Lord, in your mercy...

Response: Hear our prayer.

Radiant God, your reign of peace lays claim to all the nations of the earth. Bless with humility and compassion those called to civil authority in this and every land. Make room in our hearts for the justice and compassion that feeds the hungry, that shelters the homeless, that cares for the poor and the lost. Hasten the day when refugees and soldiers return home in safety, and when all humankind is bound in the one loving heart of Jesus. Lord, in your mercy...

Response: Hear our prayer.

Radiant God, your mercy sustains the suffering and the sorrowful. Grant healing for the sick, wholeness to the dying, and hope in the midst of injury (*especially for...*) that all our laments may be transformed into a new song of joy and praise. In places near and far, make us instruments of your promise and your renewal. Lord, in your mercy...

Response: Hear our prayer.

Radiant God, your life is the life of the world. Hear our thanksgiving for those who have gone before us and are at rest (*especially...*). Sustain those who mourn with the Good News of the resurrection, and unite the hearts of all your people in the whole Church on earth with the saints above and the hosts of heaven for the unceasing praise of your glory. Lord, in your mercy....

Response: Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray; all for whom we have forgotten to pray; all for whom in our sin we cannot pray; trusting finally and only in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen

