

**HT Intercessions**  
**Epiphany 2 15/1/17**

*'Holy Jesu, in thy brightness, to the gentile world displayed'*

**Heavenly Father**, at this Epiphany-tide, when we commemorate the manifestation of your son Jesus, to the gentiles, we pray for your world; the world you created, and saw that it was good. But we are painfully conscious of our human mis-management of its finite resources; the hate, the wars, the disputes, the jealousies, the selfishness and the wastefulness. Help us at the beginning of this new year, to play our part, in healing our divisions, husbanding our resources, and spreading peace and hope.

We long for the rulers of the nations, to heal their divisions, by the right use of their power. Change the hearts and minds of the aggressors, that they may turn to love and peace. Grant them patience and understanding. May they *all* seek to allay fears, negotiate solutions, and work for a cessation of the many conflicts between nations. Particularly at this time, we pray for the new President, and people, of the United States.

*"Lord, you have shown us what is good. Now enable everyone, to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God."*

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

**Heavenly Father**, as we commemorate our Lord's baptism by John in the river Jordan, we are reminded that our own baptismal vows, call us to compassion and mercy, on behalf of those in need. We offer our prayers for the church, and for the world.

*"Lord, heal the dissensions which divide us one from another, and bring us into unity of love for you."*

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

**Heavenly Father**, at this Epiphany-tide, we are constantly reminded of the plights of our neighbours around the world; those fighting, or innocently caught up in the conflicts; those made homeless by natural disasters; those who are isolated, homeless, displaced, starving, and in urgent need of medical care.

Give to them all the spirit of comradeship, and companionship, and the knowledge that **You** are there for them, even in their darkest hours. We think also of those in our own Country; for those sleeping rough, or struggling with their finances, the unemployed, and those recently made redundant; those affected by the severe weather and transport strikes, the lonely, the sad, the depressed and the neglected; the used, the abused, the trafficked, and the exploited.

Help **us** to consider, what small part **we** might play, in alleviating deprivation and suffering, by private prayer, positive action, and charitable giving, of our time, our talents, and our resources, which are all gifts from **you**, and which we now offer **back** to you.

*“Lord, grant that we may never pass by the poor, the bewildered, the sick, the sorrowing, or the struggling; but may respond with generous hearts, to the cry of the helpless, whose cry is your own.”*

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

**Heavenly Father**, we ask for your healing peace, to bless each one of us, and all we know, our friends, our families and our neighbours, who are in any form of need, whether it be physical, emotional, or spiritual. Particularly today we pray for: Kate, and Maurice Edwards

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*“Lord, may all who walk in darkness, begin to see your guiding light”.*

We pray for the souls of the faithful departed, ascended into heaven.  
(Particularly today we pray for: \_\_\_\_\_)  
*“Lord, grant peace to those who grieve for a death, but rejoice for a life.”*

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

**Heavenly Father**, creator of the universe, full of wonder, and mystery, help us in our modern, sometimes confusing, and fast changing world, to pause and reflect, on your glory, and unending grace; and in the stillness, to listen, like Samuel, for your voice, speaking to us alone.

**Merciful Father, Accept these prayers, For the sake of your Son,  
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

