

Introduction:

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord celebrates the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ to all nations. This is symbolized by the visit of the Magi who followed a star to find the newborn King. It reminds us that Jesus is the light for all peoples, nations and cultures, revealing God's love beyond boundaries and expectations. Now more than ever, we pray that this Light of Christ illuminates all nations transforming us into the Kingdom of God. As we reflect, on this great manifestation of our Lord, we are called to seek him like the Magi, to make of ourselves as gifts to him, and be transformed in His presence.

First Reading: Is 60: 1-6
Psalms: Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13,
Second Reading: Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Mt 2: 1-12

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant Abba Father, the longing for the new born king inspired the Magi to follow the star in search of Your Son. Inspired by the same longing in our hearts, we now present to you our hearts petitions so that we too can discover your Son in our life.

Response: Abba Father, hear our prayer.

For the Holy Father, our Bishops, Priests, and all who serve the Church — that they may help God's people recognize and trust the quiet workings of God in their lives ... we pray to the Lord.

For leaders of nations — that they may be guided by wisdom and humility, working for justice, peace, and the protection of every human life ... we pray to the Lord.

For those who are troubled by fear, confusion, broken relationships, or unexpected burdens — that, like Saint Joseph, they may find strength through faith and trust in God's word ... we pray to the Lord.

For families and our parish community — that our homes may become places of welcome, forgiveness, and loving readiness for the coming of Christ ... we pray to the Lord.

For our personal intentions and for all who have asked for our prayers ... *(longer silent pause)* ... we pray to the Lord.

Celebrant Abba Father, You revealed Your Son to the all nations through the guidance of a star. Hear our prayers and help us to follow the light of Christ in all that we do so that we can become Your worthy children. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.