

The Universal Prayer
The Epiphany of the Lord ENGLISH
Sunday 6/7 January 2024

- Celebrant:** ***Led by the star, the wise men found and worshipped the Christ Child. Led by faith, we too have found the Christ, and in this Eucharist we worship him.***
- Reader: We pray that the world may come to know Jesus Christ, revealed this day by the light of a star, and rejoice in his love, forgiveness and peace.
(pause for count 5) Lord hear us.
- All:** **Lord hear our prayer**
- Reader: We pray that the faith of the wise men may inspire Christians to be people of prayer, in this Year of Prayer proclaimed by Pope Francis. (pause for count 5)
Lord hear us.
- All:** **Lord hear our prayer**
- Reader: We pray that all nations may be delivered from war and violence, and especially in the Holy Land to which the Wise Men travelled by the light of a star, full of hope and praise. (pause for count 5) Lord hear us.
- All:** **Lord hear our prayer**
- Reader: We pray that our Partnership parishes have a fruitful year in which prayer, friendship, and the works of charity, mercy and justice flourish.
(pause for count 5) Lord hear us
- All:** **Lord hear our prayer**
- Reader: We pray that the people of Victoria, Queensland and northern New South Wales, traumatised by floods, and those of Western Australia from bushfires, receive all the help which they need. (pause for count 5) Lord hear us
- All:** **Lord hear our prayer**
- Reader: We pray for the sick in our parishes and those who have asked for our prayers. We pray for those who have died recently **Sean Clarke; Jamie Scott.** and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: **Thea Corridon; Caterina Pace; Wilfred Lindsay Davies; Pietro Chiodo; Almorza Hayaf Fakhry; Shelley Mae Lawrie** and may those who died in the distress of violence and war across the Holy Land, in Ukraine, Nigeria and Sudan and all the faithful departed find peace in Jesus, revealed this day to the nations. Lord hear us.
- All:** **Lord hear our prayer**
- Reader: Let us proclaim our Mission Prayer: Loving God, guide us as we build a joyful and inclusive community. May your Holy Spirit lead and inspire us to be the Good News of Jesus Christ by serving others and caring for all. Amen.
- Celebrant:** ***God of love, may your justice and the fullness of peace flourish in our time, so that all people may pay homage to you. Through Christ our Lord.***
- All:** **Amen**