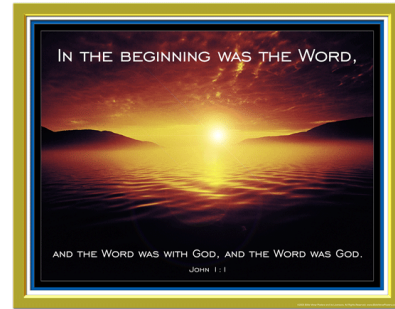


PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Second Sunday of Christmas



Celebrant: ... *Through the Incarnation, God has committed himself totally to all humanity. We ask him now to bless us with his good things.*

Reader: ... *We pray for all Christians: may they grow in appreciation of the immense privilege and responsibility of being called... Lord hear us.*

Rd. ... *We pray for those who live in darkness, for those overburdened by sin, despair or loneliness: may the light of Christ dispel all darkness from their lives. . . . Lord hear us.*

Rd. ... *We pray for missionaries and all who seek to bear witness to Jesus: may their faith and their courage never fail them. . . Lord hear us.*

Rd. ... *We pray for those who face the hardships of life without the benefit of faith: that Christians will offer them compassion and help. . . Lord, hear us.*

Rd.... *We pray for our deceased relatives and friends, for John Jamieson Galloway, Kayjon Lubia and Patricia Harvest: may they live in God's presence for ever. . . . Lord hear us.*

Celebrant: ... *Loving Father, in your wisdom you sent your only Son into our world. Help us to receive him in faith, teach us to grow in our love for him, and may he lead us safely to the fullness of life with you. We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord.*