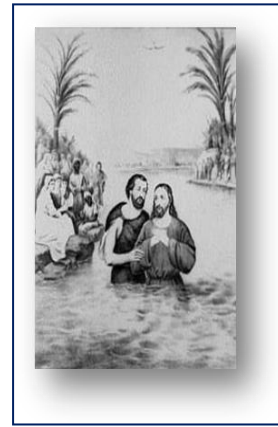


PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Baptism of the Lord



Celebrant: ... We pray with confidence to our heavenly Father for all our needs and the needs of all who have been baptised in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Reader: ... We pray for all the baptised: that they will appreciate the dignity to which they are called, and will respond to the prompting of the Spirit in their lives. . . . Lord, hear us.

Rd. ... We pray for people everywhere who suffer in mind and body, that they may experience Christ's healing presence. . . Lord, hear us.

Rd. ... We pray for the lonely and frightened, that through the strengthening of the Holy Spirit, they may have courage to face the difficulties of life. . . . Lord, hear us.

Rd. ... We pray for our relatives and friends who have died, especially for Kathleen Sheehan and John O'Connell: may they hear God's voice welcoming them to the banquet of eternal life. . . . Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: ... Eternal Father, grant that the power of the Holy Spirit may remain with us and that we may always bear witness to the faith you have given us, through Christ our Lord.