

Jan 17 Intercessions Epiphany 2

As a marriage celebrates the beginning of a changed new life for a bride and groom, so our loving, faithful God has chosen us and is ready to transform our lives for the good of the world.

Drawn by God's love and constant faithfulness to us, let us pray.

The congregational response, as printed in the bulletin, is (pause)

Fill us Lord: **fill us to the brim.**

We pray for all those who would love to believe but cannot yet trust in the living God. We pray for those who have rejected God because of the unloving behaviour of his followers. (pause)

Fill us Lord: **fill us to the brim.**

We pray for all those who give orders and have influence over other people. We pray that all peoples may be led justly and with sensitivity. (pause) Fill us Lord: **fill us to the brim.**

We pray for all our relationships which need your transforming love; We pray for those we irritate and upset and those who have hurt and upset us. (pause) Fill us Lord: **fill us to the brim.**

We pray for those whose lives feel empty and lacking in any real meaning. We pray for those whose frailty, pain or illness might make it difficult to pray. Bud, Anne, Martha, John, Gloria, David, Cynthia and those known to you. (pause) Fill us Lord: **fill us to the brim.**

We pray for those who are dying and those who have completed their life on earth, that they may be brought to peace and everlasting joy. (pause) Fill us Lord: **fill us to the brim.**

We thank you for all the joys of loving relationships, all the friendships we share, and the love we are enabled to give.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen