

Feb. 12 Intercessions Epiphany V

We are commissioned to live so that we shine like lights which direct others on to God, the source of Light.

Let us pray to the God who has drawn us here today, who has loves us, and loves our world.

Today's congregational response, as printed in the bulletin:

Come, Holy Spirit: **set our hearts on fire.**

We pray that there may be a revival of longing for your kingdom to come, and a renewed commitment to working for it; for a desire to live out our faith and worship in our daily lives this week. (pause)

Come, Holy Spirit: **set out hearts on fire.**

We pray that all who have authority and power in our nation and our world may use it for good, upholding and instigating what is right and fair, and listening to the needs of those they represent.

May we recognise our responsibility to support and stand up for God's values. (pause) Come, Holy Spirit: **set out hearts on fire.**

We pray that within our homes and communities there may be a new awareness of one another's gifts and needs, more sensitivity and respect in our relationships; may we reverence one another as fellow beings, born of your creative love. (pause)

Come, Holy Spirit: **set out hearts on fire.**

We pray for all who are oppressed, downtrodden or despised; we pray for those who will not eat today and all who live in the degrading circumstances of poverty and powerlessness; we pray for a heart to put injustices right and strive for a fair sharing of resources. (pause) Come, Holy Spirit: **set out hearts on fire.**

We pray for those whose life expectancy is short, for the babies and children who have died while we have been praying ; thank you for your welcoming mercy and the promise of eternal life.

We offer you our thanks and praise for the scriptures that remind and inspire us, and for your living Spirit which enables us.

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