

Dec, 31 Intercessions THE EPIPHANY

Jesus, the promised Messiah, is shown to the Gentile world.

Let us pray to the God who loves us and knows the terrain we travel.

The congregational response, as printed in to-day's bulletin:

Lord God: **we offer you ourselves.**

We thank God for all those who brought the good news of Jesus to us, and all who nourish our faith today. We pray that the whole people of God may work in unity and openness for the coming of God's kingdom. (pause)

Lord God: **we offer you ourselves.**

We thank God that salvation is for all people, and pray for a just and accepting world where none is rejected, despised or treated with contempt. (pause)

Lord God: **we offer you ourselves.**

We thank God for the privilege of parenting and of living in communities; we pray that our homes and churches may be welcoming and generous-hearted. (pause) Lord God: **we offer you ourselves.**

We thank God for all who care with such thoughtfulness and practical loving for those who are vulnerable, and especially for the very young. We pray for healing and wholeness, peace of mind, protection and hope. (pause)

Lord God: **we offer you ourselves.**

We thank God for all who have reached the end of their earthly journey in faith, that they may be welcomed into his eternity. May we use the time left to us here as good stewards of God's gifts. (pause) Lord God: **we offer you ourselves.**

We thank God for including us in the plan of salvation, and pray that we may be made worthy of our calling.

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