

February 2 Intercessions Epiphany 4

Let us pray to God, our gracious host and divine guest, giver of all good gifts.

The congregational response as printed in today's bulletin:

Show us the way of life: **and help us walk in it.**

Loving God, whose foolishness is greater than human wisdom, strengthen your Church to proclaim the faith of Christ crucified. Let no contempt or opposition hold her back from her duty to the world. (pause)

Show us the way of life: **and help us walk in it.**

Have mercy on a world made foolish by misuse of knowledge and power. Grant to those who think themselves wise the simple trust that is the only hope of humanity. (pause)

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Where there are families in need, bring comfort, where there is joy, give blessing may the presence of Jesus protect and sanctify all marriages. (pause)

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As the daily miracle of your creation brings food and drink for human needs, have mercy on the hungry of the world. Give us eager hearts and ready hands to give relief. (pause)

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We commend to your love those who trusted in the Cross and now are called to the great feast where the faithful departed rejoice in the fullness of the divine love. (pause)

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May the Lord who most bountifully answers every need hear us as we call upon him in our prayers. **Amen**