

February 9 Intercessions

With confidence in the divine light revealed to our human race, let us pray to the Lord. The congregational response as printed in today's bulletin:

Holy God: **we commit ourselves to your service.**

We give thanks for knowledge of our salvation, seen with the eye not of sight but of faith. Enlighten the Church to be a true Temple to the glory of Christ and a witness to the world. (pause)

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Make the divine light to shine on all nations. Through Christ, who took our nature fully upon him, deliver your people from all evil. In our families and friendships, make us a light to lighten the lives of others. (pause)

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Come with the healing fire of your love to cleanse all that is not right in our community. Inspire us with your love, to bring light to those with whom we live and work. Open our eyes to see where there is need for relief to the hungry body or the clouded mind. (pause)

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Have compassion on those who are afraid, who feel inadequate for the demands of life. Grant them confidence in the hidden wisdom of your word. (pause)

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We give thanks for those who have been faithful to your law and shone as lights in their earthly lives. Grant them the fullness of your presence, where true wisdom is revealed. by honouring the Law of God and seeking true righteousness, (pause)

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Bless and protect the vulnerable ones of our common humanity: the babies, the parents who have few of the world's goods, the aged and infirm. Be their strong defence in times of need and keep them from harm. (pause)

Holy God: **we commit ourselves to your service.**

We pray for those who have departed in peace and come into the glorious light of eternity. Receive them into the salvation that was prepared for them from the beginning.

We end our prayers in the peace of God who has given us his Son to be the Saviour of the world. **Amen**