

Intercessions for The Baptism of Christ – 10/01/21 – Jane Brough

As we celebrate the baptism of Christ, we rejoice in the completeness of his coming in human flesh. Let us therefore pray for our own witness to his life in us.

As we have thought of Jesu's baptism, let us also think of our own baptism the promises that were made at that time, and let us live the life of the baptised, rejoicing in the love of the Father, We pray for all who are baptised members of the body of Christ, in all churches and denominations. We pray that we may be alert to signs of Gods kingdom among us and live as those who know their home is in heaven as well as on earth.

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer.

Jesus' baptism was public, may God give us boldness to own our faith before others - especially in situations of difficulty or opposition.

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer.

Jesus Baptism was God-Centred, may God build prayer in us, the church, to deepen and broaden our relationship with him, to find him in unexpected places and to trust him closely.

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer.

Jesus baptism was humble, may God bring, may bring gentleness to us the church, that we may faithfully reflect the servanthood of Christ.

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer.

In a moment of quiet we pray for those we know who are unwell at this time for whatever reason. May God give them strength and renew their bodies. And we pray also for all those caring for others in homes and also in hospitals especially those in the N.H.S. who are extremely stretched at this time.

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer.

We pray for those whose remaining time in the World is short, those who are in the severe grip of COVID19 and any terminal disease. May they have the assurance of God's continuity, eternal. Love and grace.

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer.

Loving father, who poured out your spirit on your obedient son, grant us, his disciples that some obedience that we too may know the reunion of your spirit and be true witnesses of the new creation.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our saviour Jesus Christ

Amen