

Prayers of the Faithful
February 1 - 2, 2020
Presentation of the Lord

Presider: On this Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, may we offer our prayers in the spirit of light and truth.

Lector:

For our pilgrim Church, that we may embrace our mission to be light for all peoples, we pray...**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

For parents who, like Mary, have had a sword pierce their heart, we pray...**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

For children, that they, like Jesus, may grow to become strong, filled with wisdom, knowing that the favor of God is upon them, we pray...**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

For families, who face difficult challenges, may their faith community help to support them, we pray...**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

For world leaders, that they strive to ensure economic justice for all, we pray...**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

For our country as we begin Black History Month, may this year's theme, *African Americans and the Vote*, remind us of the need to protect and foster the voting rights of all citizens, we pray...**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

For our parish, that our workshop this coming Saturday, *I'm a Good Person, Isn't that Enough*, may help us to recognize and more fully address the effects of both explicit and implicit racism, we pray...**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

For those in need of our prayers that we call to mind now [Pause], may the light of God's tender healing descend upon them, we pray... **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

For those who have died, among them, Anne Reilly, Catherine & Francis Mannix, and Mary Mannix Slaughter, Helena Lee, Lorraine Bolus, Estelle Abbene, Mary Elizabeth Pyne, and Charles McCarthy, may the light of Christ lead them safely home, we pray...**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

Presider:

Loving God, hear our prayers and help us to fully appreciate all that it means to have your Word fulfilled in and through Christ our Lord.
AMEN.