

Sunday 7 January 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.

Pray that all in government throughout the world may use their power with justice

Pray that all individuals may work to relieve poverty in every form its takes, material and spiritual

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

As we begin a new year we pray for peace in a troubled world, especially in the lands Christ knew

Pray that the values and virtues of the gospel may shape the way the peoples of the world act this year

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.

Pray for all in power to recognise it is a responsibility entrusted to them by God and use it for the good of all

Pray for all those who are persecuted for their faith or cannot practice their religion freely to know God's strength

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

Pray for all individuals and organisations that serve the poor and needy to receive all the support they require

Pray for all who are weak, downtrodden or oppressed to experience God's power and our encouragement