

Intercessions

The Epiphany of the Lord—January 8, 2023

Cantor: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer; God of mercy, hear our prayer.

- For the church that seeks to be a light to those in darkness, when its own image and model of leadership are in need of renewal. *We pray,*
- For unity in a world in which oligarchy, plutocracy and autocracy are demanding individual power over others. *We pray,*
- For our own democracy, in which individual power and notoriety are overshadowing our history of governing for the good of the people. *We pray,*
- For the courage to acknowledge our own desires for self-importance within our families or whatever communities we live and work. *We pray,*
- For the gift of discernment in a culture that is attracted to its own versions of gold, frankincense and myrrh. *We pray,*
- We pray for all among us who are sick, dying, grieving or suffering in any way; and for the strengthening and deepening of our parish ministries in this new year. *We pray,*
- We pray now for our own needs, and for the courage to advocate on behalf of those who are regarded as insignificant (*pause*). *For all these things, we pray,*