

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Jesus shows us in action the loving provision of the God who made us.

Let us pray to the God of love,
who listens to the people of his making.

Holy God, we bring before you all that we are,
with as much honesty and openness as we can.
We know your Church is weakened
by disunity, misplaced priorities, complacency and fear.
We pray for a new awakening of our calling
to be the people of God;
give us a fresh understanding of your will
and empower us with nothing short of your life
lived out in us.

Holy God, give all the nations and peoples of our world
such respect and love for creation
that we learn to take proper responsibility
for the resources we share and the universe we inhabit.
Give us courage to make good decisions
even if they involve us in conflict or discomfort.

Holy God, we pray for a greater awareness
of your presence in our homes and places of work,
in our cars and in public transport,
in the shops, schools and hospitals,

and wherever people meet together.
Teach us how to live lovingly,
with honesty and compassion;
teach us how to live thankfully,
and work on our habit of grumbling.

Silence You alone are our God;
and we trust in you.

Holy God, we bring to you those we know
who are suffering with prolonged illness,
debilitating pain, and emotional distress.
Lay your hands on them to bring relief and healing,
courage to live through this dark time,
and the inner strength which only you can give.

Silence You alone are our God;
and we trust in you.

Holy God, we pray for those
making the journey through death,
and for those who have died to this earthly life.
Thank you for all they have given us.
Comfort those who miss them,
and through your mercy receive us all, in our time,
to live in the peace and joy of your eternity.

Holy God, we thank you for making yourself known to us in the many blessings of life, and most of all in the person of Jesus, the Christ.

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.