

**Universal Prayers of the Faithful**  
**January 04, 2026**

For the Church: that like the star of Epiphany, we all will work to draw the world to worship Jesus Christ..... **we pray to the Lord.**

For God's blessing on the New Year: that God will fill the coming days with health of body, mind, and spirit; renew the gifts of the Spirit within us, and inspire us with new ways to share our gifts and resources with others.....**we pray to the Lord**

For greater trust: that, like the Wise Men, God's Light may guide us through the unknown of the coming days as we rely more deeply on God's love and care for us.....**we pray to the Lord**

For a spirit of wonder: that our hearts may be filled with joy as we recognize God's many gifts to us in our relationships, our opportunities, and our freedoms.....**we pray to the Lord**

For a renewal of prayer in our lives: that we may make time for God each day of this year and be attentive to God's invitations and promptings in our hearts.....**we pray to the Lord**

For greater unity and cooperation within the human family: that God will heal the wounds between various groups, open hearts to the talents of every person, and help us work together against violence, drug abuse, and poverty.....**we pray to the Lord**

For all who are ill: that God's healing love will restore them to wholeness and strengthen them throughout the coming year.....**we pray to the Lord**

For those who have died: that they celebrate everlasting life in Christ Jesus, especially Dr. Robert Preuss and Wanda Preuss.....**we pray to the Lord**