

## **Weekend 4/5 January 2025 Prayers for the Feast of Epiphany Year C**

**Celebrant:** to introduce

**Response:** Hear our prayer

1. Pope Francis announced that 2025 is a Jubilee Year in the church with the theme of Pilgrims of Hope. It will be a year of forgiveness, reconciliation and hope as we journey through the year. We ask that all in the church can travel as pilgrims and gain God's Grace thereby. **Lord in your mercy .....**
2. For many this time of the year is one for travelling, to visit Holy places, to connect up with families and also to return home from festivities, back to the world of work. We pray for safe travels for all who are journeying as the Wise Men were. **Lord in your mercy .....**
3. Let us pray for help, comfort and the basic necessities of life for those travelling because they have been uprooted by war, in Gaza, Syria and Ukraine and elsewhere. **Lord in your mercy ....**
4. We pray for health and healing for the sick, particularly those who are not at home or in their familiar locality, people taken sick while travelling, those injured in accidents and those making their final journey to God. **Lord in your mercy ...**
5. Christmas and New Year is a hard time to lose loved ones. We pray for those who have died in this season, those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who grieve for them and suffer the loss of their loved ones at this special time in the year. **Lord in your mercy ...**

Let us take a quiet moment to pray for our own needs and intentions at this time.

Mary and Joseph were soon to flee themselves from Herod after the visit of the Wise men. We send our prayers with them to the Christ child by saying Hail Mary full of grace ....

**Celebrant:** to close