

Epiphany (Revelation) of the Lord | Year A
January 08th, 2023 (Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Matt 2:1-12)

The Feast of Epiphany reminds us that God revealed himself in the person of Jesus. Isaiah uses the image of the shining light for God's revelation to his people. On this Feast, we pray.

1/ When God reveals himself, every nation on earth will adore him. In Jesus, every God-fearing person worships God. For all peoples of God. We pray that the Church, led by Pope Francis, may always praise the God-becoming-human through Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

2/ Paul tells the Ephesians that he was entrusted with the care of God's grace to Gentiles, so they might partake in his salvation. For peoples in the world. We pray that, acknowledging God's revelation through Jesus Christ, they may be saved. Let us pray.

3/ The magi who were told about God's revelation were wise people. They came to see Jesus; they found peace within themselves and were able to avoid harm from King Herod. For those who have not yet known God or are still searching for true peace. We pray that, as they learn of the name Jesus, they may come to God and find peace for themselves. Let us pray.

4/ Coming to God is finding peace; believing in Jesus implies trusting in God's revelation. Those who are Christians and follow Jesus can find peace in this life and everlasting rest in the life to come. For our sisters and brothers who were Christians but have now departed from us. We pray that God grant them the joy of everlasting life. Today we remember [**at 4:30 Mass**] Sonny and Betty Hardesty, Ruth, Rudolph, Gary and Donnie Fackler, and Gene McGehee; [**at 10:00 Mass**] Hattie and Wallace Frakes and deceased family members, Robert and Hazel Hardesty and deceased family members, and Gene McGehee. Let us pray.

5/ We especially pray that Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (16th), whom God called home in his heavenly kingdom, may rejoice forever at the banquet table of God. Let us pray.

Father of light, everlasting God, today you reveal to peoples of faith the splendor of your will made flesh. Your light is strong; your love is near; allow us to pray that you draw us beyond the limits of this world to the life where your Spirit makes all life complete. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.