**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

**Celebrant:** On this Feast of the Presentation of the Lord we join with the prayer of Jesus, Mary and Joseph presenting our prayers before the Lord.

1. With Pope Francis, we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life; that the ecclesial community will pray for and support young people who feel called to serve Christ's mission. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For government officials throughout the world: that they may frequently seek out the wisdom and grace that comes from God’s Word. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For all the children of our world, that they may be loved and cherished by their families and by the societies in which they live. **Lord, hear us.**
4. On this World Day for Consecrated Life, we pray for the Religious of our Diocese. May their ministry and apostolates bring the light of Christ to those whom they minister and serve. **Lord, hear us.**
5. We pray for a new generosity among the rich and more advanced countries of the world. May they share their wealth with poorer nations which are currently suffering from poverty, famine and climate change. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For parents who present their children for Baptism; may the example and faithfulness of Simeon and Anna give them encouragement and strength as they walk in the light of faith. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For parents who are anxious about their children’s future. As they navigate the constant demands of parenthood, equip them with Your calming presence, unwavering love and steadfast guidance. **Lord, hear us.**
8. Give us the compassion, wisdom and generosity to uphold the uniqueness and sacredness of every human life, from the moment of conception to natural death. **Lord, hear us.**
9. For those who have died: may they behold their Saviour face-to-face in the kingdom of heaven. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Almighty Father, you have given us Jesus your Son, the light of the world. May we always walk in his light and live by his truth. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**