

Thank you, Lord, for this season of Epiphany. It gets lost as “the end of Christmas,” but is really a celebration of the rest of the world seeing your light. The Magi followed a star. They went to witness the arrival of Jesus, a man who is God.

Let us see where to go.

Give us courage to follow your lights.

We ask for wisdom for those who lead churches throughout the world.

Thank you for our church leadership. For all those who have shown us how to know you better, both by instruction and by example.

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At this time of flux, wisdom and insight is needed by leaders of governments around the world. Tolerance and patience are needed as well as an ability to consider that an opinion they hold just might be wrong. Shine a light on those we should support as we lobby our politicians.

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The death toll this week has been fearful Lord. SO very sad. All those conversations we **won't be able to have. The joys unshared, the occasions missed, the grandchildren not seen.** Faith can be rocked at times like this. Life for those bereaved is dark, grief hurts. We need to weep.

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Thank you, Lord, for the skill and care of those who minister to the sick. For the applied knowledge of the researchers who designed and produced the new vaccine in what feels like a miraculous time frame.

Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of Your son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

