

## Prayers for Baptism of the Lord

*These prayers might be used in a variety of settings: Opening Prayers (at the beginning of worship) or concluding collects (after the Prayers of the People); for church websites or newsletters; or in personal, small group, or family devotion.*

God of all righteousness,  
we need the life and grace  
that you alone can give.  
Open the heavens to us  
and pour out your Holy Spirit  
so that we may live as your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Matthew 3:13-17 / Year A

God of all wilderness wanderers,  
you sent John to prepare the way  
for Jesus Christ, your beloved son.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
so that, like John, we may proclaim  
the time to turn from sinfulness  
and the good news of your grace;  
through Christ, the water of life.  
Mark 1:4-11 / Year B

Gracious God, in Jesus Christ,  
baptized by John in the Jordan,  
you came to share our life  
and deliver us from sin and death.  
As we are baptized with water  
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
to make us your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 / Year C