*St. John’s (Winona)*

**Prayers of the People**

**January 10, 2021**

*offered by Betty Sleep*

As we celebrate the baptism of Christ, let us offer prayers to God who calls us to pass from death to life.

By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan.

*Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer*

For this parish community of St Johns, that God would guide us with his truth, fill us with his love, and provide for us from his bounty. For Susan our bishop and Rob our rector, Paul his Honorary Assistant and for all the holy people of God.

In the diocesan prayer cycle we acknowledge that prayers are being offered across the diocese this day for our own parish. For our clergy, lay leadership, and all the people and ministries offered here.

*Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

For all who seek Christ, and for the conversion of the whole human race. For mercy, peace, and justice throughout the world

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, the hungry and the oppressed, and those in prison.

For those who rest in the peace of Christ, and for all the departed.

*Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need. In St John’s cycle of prayer we especially pray for Annie Dailey, Betty Denny and Bill Denny. We send birthday prayers to Gavin Grey, Samantha Marshall and Wilma Lazenby. May God bless them with his boundless love, calming peace and heavenly joy throughout the year.

*Lord in your Mercy. Hear our prayer.*

*“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.”*

*Lord In Your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

Holy One of Israel, you breathed across the waters of creation: Accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast, lead us by your Spirit through water and blood, and quench our thirst at the table of your Son. Glory to you for ever. Amen