**Prayers of the People: January 1--Holy Name Day**

**Priest:** The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "You shall put my name upon the people…and I will bless them." Standing together, let us pray for people by name, offering our intercessions in the most holy name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Intercessor:**

I invite your prayers for people in the Church—in our parish, in our diocese, and in Christ’s one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, including those whom we name at this time.

**(PAUSE until there is silence).**

**Intercessor: Gracious and loving Father, we offer you *these* names.**

**People: In Christ's most holy name.**

I invite you to pray by name for the people who are leaders--in our nation, in our state, and in our local community.

**(PAUSE until there is silence).**

**Intercessor: Gracious and loving Father, we offer you *these* names.**

**People: In Christ's most holy name.**

I invite you to pray for people in the world whom we don't know by name. So let us remember them by the names of the places where they suffer violence, poverty, environmental destruction, and other dangers.

**(PAUSE until there is silence).**

**Intercessor: Gracious and loving Father, we offer you *these* names.**

**People: In Christ's most holy name.**

I invite you to offer the names of the people for whom you are thankful--family members, friends, and others who have blessed you in some way.

**(PAUSE until there is silence).**

**Vestry Member: Gracious and loving Father, we offer you *these* names.**

**People: In Christ's most holy name.**

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I invite you to offer the names of people you know who are sick or suffering, including our friends, associates, and family members who have asked us to pray for them by name.

**(PAUSE until there is silence).**

**Intercessor: Gracious and loving Father, we offer you *these* names.**

**People: In Christ's most holy name.**

I invite you to remember and pray for those who have died, the loved ones we have commended to God's never failing care and whom we still continue to hold in our love.

**(PAUSE until there is silence).**

**Intercessor: Gracious and loving Father, we offer you *these* names.**

**People: In Christ's most holy name.**

*\*Intercessor remains in place while the celebrant prays the concluding collect.*

**Celebrant:**

Gracious and loving Father, you have given us the power to use names in order to bless. You gave Adam the power to name and bless all creatures. You gave Mary and Joseph a Son to name who has blessed all people.

By him, and with him, and in him, you have put your Holy Name upon us. You have given us the gift of adoption and the power to share this love and blessing with others.

Hear the prayers of your people, and by the power of your Holy Spirit, bless us all in Jesus’ holy Name.

**People: Amen.**

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**