



Opening Prayer ~ Ordinary Time (Baptism of the Lord)

Appropriate for Board, Staff, and Faculty Meetings

*After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened,
And the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,
And a voice came from heaven,
the voice of the Father:*

“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

In Jesus Christ, we are chosen as beloved children in the beloved Son. As we leave the season of Christmas and Epiphany behind us and resume the life of Ordinary Time, let us invoke the transforming love of our Triune God as we pray:

O God the Father, we praise you!
O God the Beloved Son, we love you!
O God, the Holy Spirit, we thank you!

Jesus listened with an open ear and an open heart to the voice of his Father. Let us who have been baptized into him, listen to the voice that calls us beloved sons and daughters and gives us a work to do, the work of the Gospel proclaimed and lived in love for God and for neighbor.

O Blessed Three in One, gift our lives with renewed **love** so that we may be instruments of your love to all people, giving generously of ourselves to the needs of our brothers and sisters.

O Blessed Three in One, gift our lives with renewed **creative hope** so that we may be hope to each other, the young, the vulnerable, and the most abandoned in our world.

O Blessed Three in One, gift our lives with renewed **fidelity** so that we may live our vocation in Christ with new fire and passion, ever faithful to the work of the Gospel that has been entrusted to us.

God our Father, you sent your Son to bring light and life to all peoples. Manifest your love, by the power of the Spirit, in your Church throughout the world, that all may come to the source of life through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**