### Prayer of the Faithful

# 5th Sunday of Lent, Year C

### Presider

The power of God was manifest in all that Jesus said and did. Through the Spirit of Jesus, we open our hearts in prayer.

We pray for our Church. Under the leadership of Pope Francis, may it model Jesus’ wisdom, mercy and love in our troubled world.

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all government officials. May their service always be grounded in the ideals of justice and the common good.

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray with and for the catechumens and candidates of our parish and diocese. As they come closer to the Easter sacraments, may they experience peace and healing.

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our faith community. May we recognise our own sinfulness so that we may respond with mercy and kindness to others.

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We pray for …

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers.  
We pray for those who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May God welcome them into the eternal kingdom.

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

### Presider

Merciful Father, hear the prayers of your children gathered here today. May your saving grace reach out to all for whom we pray. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**