### Prayer of the Faithful

# 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

### Presider

Our God is a God of mission, and he invites us to reach out to those in need. As our response, we bring before God our prayers of intercession.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and all church leaders. May the Holy Spirit guide them in proclaiming the Good News of God’s kingdom.

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

We pray for the civil leaders of the world, especially in areas that are experiencing great tension and struggle. May they be blessed in their efforts to achieve reconciliation and peace.

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We pray for those who proclaim God’s word through both words and actions. May they be strengthened by the words of Isaiah when he answered God’s call—‘Here I am, send me.’

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We pray for all the volunteers in our parish, schools and broader community. May their humble and faithful responses to the needs of others lead them to the reward of Jesus’ words: ‘Well done, good and faithful servant.’

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We pray for strength and peace for all who are sick and all who care for them.   
We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be raised with Christ to eternal life.

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God of love, stretch out your hand in mercy to all who have placed their trust in your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ.   
**Amen.**