### Prayer of the Faithful

# 6th Sunday of Easter, Year C

### Presider

Jesus gives the gift of peace, a peace the world cannot give. We pray that God’s peace may fill the world and bring it to wholeness.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and the bishops as successors of the apostles. May they be guided in their leadership by the Spirit that Jesus promised to send, reminding us of all he taught.

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

We pray for leadership at every level. May the promise of the presence of the Spirit encourage all cultures to be open and to share with one another.

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As we now begin National Reconciliation Week, we pray that we will move forward in creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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We pray for our faith community as we celebrate the Eucharist together. May the peace we offer each other go with us, to share with others in our daily lives.

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We pray for …

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We pray for our sick and those who care for them.
We pray for those who have died recently in the peace of Christ and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rejoice in the presence of God’s unconditional love.

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### Presider

Gracious God, mindful of the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything your Son has told us, we ask that our prayers reflect the Spirit of our Saviour and Teacher, Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Amen.**