### Prayer of the Faithful

# 5th Sunday of Easter, Year C

### Presider

We are Jesus’ disciples if we have love for one another, a love that embraces the entire world. We open our hearts in prayer for those most in need of God’s healing, justice and peace.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and all Church leaders. May they be full of love and compassion as they minister in your name.

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

We pray for our leaders, and especially for those seeking election to serve our nation. May the Holy Spirit inspire them to pursue a better politics that is wise and courageous and governs for the good of all.

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

We pray for our country. As we celebrate this week the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, the Patron Saint of Australia, may we all commit ourselves to this Great Southern Land of the Holy Spirit.

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our faith community. May we never forget those less fortunate than ourselves.

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for …

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick of our parish and for those who care for them.  
We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their faith be rewarded now in the fullness of Christ’s new creation.

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

### Presider

God of Mercy, receive these petitions today. Bring your love to bear on all that is unloving and broken in our world. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**