### Prayer of the Faithful

# 5th Sunday of Easter, Year C

### Presider

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

### 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 world leaders. May God’s Spirit lead them towards policies that simultaneously promote good stewardship for a sustainable environment and respect for the dignity of every person.

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our country this week. As we celebrate 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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We pray for our faith community. May we never forget those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

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We pray for all in our parish who are sick and for all who take care of them.  
We pray for those who have died recently and for 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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### Presider

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