### Prayer of the Faithful

# The Ascension of the Lord, Year C

### Presider

Christ is with us always. In his name, we gather our prayers of petition and offer them before the throne of divine glory.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and the bishops of our Church. We entrust their leadership to the inspiration of the Spirit, which Jesus promised would remind us of all that he said.

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

During this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for the leaders of all churches and religious groups. May they be open to the Spirit that Jesus promised, and may this unite all Christians as a testament to God’s presence in our world.

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for everyone who was received into the Church during the Easter celebrations as they reflect on the sacraments they received. Being open to the Spirit, may they bear the fruits that Jesus promised.

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our faith community. Moved by the Spirit, may we continue to grow in faith as we seek to follow Jesus more closely.

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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 those whose anniversaries we recall. May God reward their faith and lead them to the fullness of eternal life.

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

### Presider

As your people, O God, you have called us to a stewardship of prayer. We entrust to you our prayers today, through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**