

Season of Easter : Sunday 4B
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
General Intercessions

Priest

Giving thanks to God,
who draws us into the mystery of his Son's death and resurrection,
we pray for the needs of the Church and of the world.

Reader

1. For the Church;
that with thanksgiving for God's many gifts,
we will walk faithfully the path of Christ, our Good Shepherd.

PAUSE for silent prayer — at least five seconds. Repeat after each intention.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

2. For our bishops, and all who shepherd the flock of Christ;
that God will fill them with wisdom and integrity,
and enable them to provide sufficient priests and deacons for our need.
3. For all who are discerning a call to ordained ministry;
that they may recognise God's vision for the Church.
4. For the peace of the world;
for reconciliation and the end of conflict and division;
for all those driven from their homes by violence, oppression, or prejudice.
5. For all who seek to serve in public office;
that the risen Christ may inspire and direct them.
6. For the faithful departed;
that Christ, the Good Shepherd will lead them safely home
to the glory of heaven.

Priest

God of everlasting power,
guide us towards the joyful company of heaven,
so that your lowly flock may follow
where Christ, the Great Shepherd, has gone before,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.