

Season of Easter : Sunday 5B 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 communion of the Church;
that, in union with Francis our pope and Paul our bishop,
the Holy Spirit will inspire us to bear witness to our risen Lord
with gentleness and reverence.

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

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

2. For our fellow Christians throughout the world
who are persecuted and oppressed because of their faith in the Lord Jesus;
that the Holy Spirit will be very present to them.
3. For those who do not recognise their need of Jesus Christ;
that God's Holy Spirit will lead them into faith.
4. For all who seek to serve in public office;
that the risen Christ may inspire and direct them.
5. For the peace of the world; for an end to conflict and division;
for refugees and exiles, and all victims of natural disaster.
6. For the faithful departed;
that all who were joined to Christ in baptism
will know the fullness of God's love in the glory of heaven.

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O God,
you give wisdom to all who attend to your word.
Keep us aware of our civic responsibility,
that we may elect trustworthy and compassionate leaders
who will pursue justice, seek peace,
and work for the common good.
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.