

Season of Easter : Sunday 5B General Intercessions

Priest

United as one body in the Lord, vine and branches,
we place our needs with confidence before God our Father.

Reader

1. For unity within the Church:
that it may be a true community, producing fruits of love and peace.

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

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

2. As branches of the vine, we pray for the courage to cut out what is useless,
and the grace to nourish what is good in our lives.
3. For ourselves:
that our love may not be just words, but something real and active
which breaks down the barriers of hatred and resentment.
4. For those who feel their prayers are not being answered:
that they will persevere in faith and put their trust in God.
5. For countries torn apart by war and violence:
that peace and justice will replace conflict and hostility throughout the world.
6. For the dead, that they may find eternal rest in God's heavenly kingdom.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Risen Christ, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary

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God of unfailing mercy,
who redeemed us and adopted us as your children,
look upon us with tender love,
that we who believe in Christ
may enjoy true freedom
and enter our promised inheritance.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.