Season of Easter: Sunday 5C Inauguration of Pope Leo XIV 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 all who are reborn by water and the Holy Spirit will love one another as Christ has loved us; we pray especially for Pope Leo in his new ministry.

PAUSE for silent prayer — **please count five full seconds**. Repeat after each intention.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

- 2. For all members of our parish, especially those preparing for their first holy communion, their families and our catechists; that God will draw us together in the body of the risen Christ.
- 3. For the peace of the world; for an end to conflict, oppression, and prejudice; for all those driven from their homes, and people separated from those they love.
- 4. For all who are preparing to marry over the coming weeks and months; that God will bless them with a deep and enduring love.
- 5. For all who are ill, and those who are anxious for the health of those they love; may the healing, holy, and consoling Spirit be with them.
- 6. For the faithful departed; that all who have died in the peace of Christ will know the fullness of God's love in the glory of heaven.
- 7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary ...

Priest

O God,

in your wisdom and providence
you built your Church upon Peter,
first among the apostles;
look with favour on our Pope Leo,
that, as Peter's chosen successor,
he may be for your people the visible rock and foundation
on which their oneness in faith and communion is built.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.