

## Season of Easter : Sunday 5A

### 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 Pope Francis, and all bishops, priests, deacons and religious;  
that during these difficult times they may receive hope and courage,  
which they will also inspire in those around them.

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

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

2. For world leaders;  
that all governments will come together in peace and genuine dialogue  
so that, emerging from the sadness and anxiety of the pandemic,  
the way ahead might help and support the people who are most in need.
3. Celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day,  
we give thanks for the courage of those who risked their lives to secure peace;  
may their example inspire their descendants to continue their work for peace.
4. For the sick and those who care for them;  
for all those worldwide who have become unwell with COVID-19,  
that they can recover fully;  
for all who work for the NHS and in care homes,  
who put their own lives on the line for others.
5. For those whose lives have been turned upside-down by the pandemic;  
that those who have been bereaved might be comforted;  
those in isolation may not be lonely or afraid;  
and for those whose employment is insecure.
6. For all who have died, especially Betty Gregson, and John Turner  
(Fr Aidan's brother and Helena Blunt's cousin);  
that the risen Christ will gather them to himself  
in the place he has prepared for us.

#### Priest

We have beheld your glory, O God,  
in the face of Christ Jesus, your Son.  
Enliven our faith,  
that through Christ we may put our trust in you.  
Deepen our faith,  
that in Christ we may serve you.  
Complete our faith,  
that one day we may live with you  
in that place which Christ prepares for us,  
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen.