

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
(WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS)**

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL (CYCLE C)

Celebrant: God gives eternal life to the sheep of his flock. Let us pray to the Father, confident that we can never be taken from his care.

Our response is: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. For the pastors of our Church, that they may serve the Lord with gladness and lead the people with courage, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. For those who preach your word, that they may bring the living truth to all parts of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. For those who hear that word, that they may receive the gift of faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. For the families of our community, that they may encourage and support vocations to the priesthood, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. For the dead, that the Good Shepherd may lead them to living water and wipe all tears from their eyes, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Almighty Father, as your people, the sheep of your flock, we bring our prayers before you, in perfect trust and confidence, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.