

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - CYCLE A**  
**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** The Lord is the shepherd who knows each one of his flock by name. Let us offer our prayers to God, trusting in his personal love for us.

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

1. That the leaders of the holy Catholic Church, especially our Holy Father Pope Francis and our Bishop Paul, may be true shepherds to their flocks: supporting the weak, guiding the wavering and encouraging the steady, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. That men and women who struggle for human rights may never follow false leaders or the ways of violence, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. That the Lord will bless parents, teachers, and other leaders to be true shepherds to those entrusted to their care, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. That our young people may hear the call of God to become shepherds of the flock of Christ and live in fidelity to the Good Shepherd, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. That the Pastoral Visitation of our shepherd, Bishop Paul, may be an occasion of encouragement, grace and blessing for the entire flock of our Parish, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** Father of love, Christ your Son came that we might have life in its fullness. Help us to listen to his voice so that he may guide us along the path that leads to eternal life, for he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Response: *Amen.*