

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**CYCLE A**  
**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** Chosen as his beloved children in baptism, let us come to our Father on behalf of all our brothers and sisters, praying to him through Christ, “the Way, the Truth and the Life.”

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

1. For God’s pilgrim people, that the Church may always offer prayerful and reverent worship. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. For the rulers of nations, that they may recognise the service provided by the Church and promote peace and happiness. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. For people who struggle on their search for faith, that they may come to God through Jesus Christ, who is the only way to the Father. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. For ourselves as living stones which build up our parish, that we may work with the love, energy and courage of the Holy Spirit. 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 to the entire flock of our Parish. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** We thank you, Father most holy, for the wonders of your generous care. Show again your love for us as we call upon you, through Christ our Lord.

Response: *Amen.*