

**THE EASTER VIGIL**  
**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL (CYCLE A)**

**Celebrant:** The light of the Risen Christ fills the whole world with joy. May that joy fill our hearts and inspire us to pray for the needs of all our brothers and sisters.

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

1. For the universal Church, for our Holy Father Pope Francis and for our Bishop Paul, all the clergy, religious and deacons, that they may proclaim the joy of Easter, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. For the families of our parish, that the love of the Risen Lord may inspire them to spread the message of peace through all societies and cultures, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. For an environment of reconciliation and love among religions and persons, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. For those who suffer, that the lord may grant them consolation and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. For all nations and rulers especially for the United Arab Emirates, for The President, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan; for the Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; for the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme commander of the UAE Armed forces, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and all those in authority, that they may be blessed to lead the country in to prosperity and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, receive the prayers of your beloved children who are celebrating the glory of your Risen Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.