

## FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

### CYCLE A

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Celebrant:** Celebrating with joy the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, and confident of his intercession before the throne of God, we humbly bring our petitions to the Lord.

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

1. That the Church and her leaders, especially Pope Francis and our Bishop Paul, may follow the example of St. Francis in their desire for holiness, love for poverty and practice of perfect joy. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. That the leaders of nations and religions may find a model for dialogue in the simplicity and eloquence of St. Francis, and so discover the language of reconciliation and road to peace. Let us pray to the Lord

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. That all our priests and religious who belong to the Franciscan family may continue to draw inspiration and strength from St. Francis in their ministry as instruments of peace, love, hope and light. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. That those who suffer and face persecution may lift their eyes to the Crucified Jesus and find in his wounds their healing, light and strength to bear the cross. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. That all members of our parish, inflamed with love of the Crucified Lord shown by St. Francis, may always seek to serve the needy and vulnerable around us. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** Hear the prayers we offer to you, O Lord our God, through the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi. Help us to walk in his footsteps by putting aside the riches of the world to follow the way of your Cross. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Response: *Amen.*