

FEAST OF THE EXULTATION OF THE CROSS
CYCLE C
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Let us now pray to God the Father, who loved the world so much that he gave his only Son to die for us upon the Cross.

Our response is: *Lord, help us bear our cross.*

1. For the Church militant here on earth, that we will fight on to victory beneath the standard of the Cross, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, help us bear our cross.*

2. For people of every nation and language, that they may find freedom and peace through the One whom God has raised on high as Lord and Savior, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, help us bear our cross.*

3. For all who stand in need of God's mercy and forgiveness, that the Cross may encourage them to be reconciled, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, help us bear our cross.*

4. For ourselves, that we may treasure the sign of the Cross and use it with faith and reverence, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, help us bear our cross.*

5. For those who sleep in Christ, that the blood of his sacrifice may cleanse them from all sin, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, help us bear our cross.*

Celebrant: Loving Father, in this life and the next, all our hope is in the Cross. Grant our petitions, as we praise you for your mercies, through Christ our Lord. Amen.