

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
(WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS)**

CYCLE B

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Jesus is that good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Let us pray to the Father, remembering the selfless love of his beloved Son.

Our response is: *Good Shepherd, hear our prayer.*

1. For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and our Bishop Paul, that they may continue to be shepherds who guide us into the way of righteousness. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Good Shepherd, hear our prayer.*

2. For the unity of all Christians, that there may only be one flock and one shepherd. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Good Shepherd, hear our prayer.*

3. For those who live in loneliness, that they may be welcomed and find friendship in the community of the Church. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Good Shepherd, hear our prayer.*

4. For vocations to the priesthood, that Christ will raise up faithful shepherds for his flock. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Good Shepherd, hear our prayer.*

5. For those who have died, that they may see God as he really is. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Good Shepherd, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Most loving Father, our help and our salvation, accept the prayers of your children, the flock gathered in the name of your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Response: *Amen.*