

# THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (SOLEMNITY)

## CYCLE B

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Celebrant:** Christ proved his love for us on the Cross, when his heart was pierced with a soldier's lance, bringing us forgiveness and grace. We pray that we may respond to such great love.

Our response is: *God of Mercy, hear our prayer.*

1. For the Church, that, through our Saviour's example, gentleness and humility will always be the marks of followers of Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *God of Mercy, hear our prayer.*

2. For the world, that people everywhere will learn that only the love of God and love of neighbour can bring peace and happiness. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *God of Mercy, hear our prayer.*

3. For the lonely and depressed, that they will receive courage from God's unfailing love for them. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *God of Mercy, hear our prayer.*

4. For those who cannot love, that the love of the pierced Heart of Christ will warm their coldness and set them free. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *God of Mercy, hear our prayer.*

5. For the souls of the faithful departed, that they may be purified in the springs of salvation flowing from the Heart of Jesus. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *God of Mercy, hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** Merciful Father, receive these prayers we offer in union with the pierced Heart of your beloved Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

*Response:* Amen.