

## THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (SOLEMNITY)

### CYCLE B

#### PRAYER 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 Savior'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 neighbor 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. Amen.