

## THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS - SOLEMNITY

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL (CYCLE C)

**Celebrant:** Jesus Christ is the loving shepherd, sent from the heart of his Father to seek the lost sheep. Let us bring our prayers to the Father encouraged by that love which will not let us go.

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

1. For Pope Francis, our Bishop Paul, and all bishops, that these pastors may always reveal the love of Christ in their ministry, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. For those nations where people are displaced due to war, conflict, or economic hardships, that the refugees and scattered families may be gathered together in the name of charity and justice, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. For all who have been deceived by failures in human love, that, in the reconciling Christ, they may replace injury with blessing and pain with grace, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. For Saint Joseph's community gathered in prayer, that Jesus in the Eucharist may draw us to his loving Heart, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. That all who are in need may find suitable employment, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

6. For our dead, that they may find eternal joy in the Heart of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** God, our loving Creator, receive the prayers your people bring, with those silent intentions which we place within the Sacred Heart of your Son, our Savior, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.