

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
CYCLE A
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: With joy in our hearts at the victory of Christ, our Leader and Friend, let us pray to him who now sits at the right hand of the Father in glory.

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

1. That amid all the attractions of this world, the followers of Christ may keep their hearts fixed on the things of heaven, where Christ reigns in glory. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. That the leaders of the world may realise that they must govern responsibly in order to give a worthy account when Christ returns as our judge. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. That all those who are striving to live Christian lives may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. That we may all come to the maturity of faith in the fullness of the risen Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. That by the power of his ascension, Christ may deliver us from all evil, and help us to live our faith with joy and generosity. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: God our Father in heaven, your Son is now seated at your right hand, enthroned in eternal glory. We make our petitions through him who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Response: *Amen.*