

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS – SOLEMNITY
CYCLE A
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: We can pray to the Father with great confidence because, in Christ, he has set his Heart upon us, and chosen us as his beloved people.

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

1. For the Catholic Church and her leaders, especially Pope Francis and Bishop Paul, that they may be a convincing sign and instruments of Christ's love. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. For peace and reconciliation in our divided world, that human hearts everywhere may be set free from fear, hatred, and violence. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. For those who labour and are overburdened, that the gentle Heart of the Saviour may bring rest to their souls. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. For the community of St. Joseph that God has gathered here, that we may know the love of Christ, as we live in him and he lives in us. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. For those who have died, that the Sacred Heart of Jesus may grant them mercy and eternal peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Father, you have shown us divine love in and through the Heart of Jesus. Hear our prayers as we offer you the sacrifice that takes our sins away. We ask this, through Christ our Lord.

Response: *Amen.*