

# PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Celebrant:** Let us bring our prayers before the Lord,  
who is full of compassion and abounding in love.

Together we pray, saying: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. That the Church, the bride of Christ,  
may be a visible sign of the love of God  
dwelling in the midst of his people.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Response:** *Lord, hear our prayer*

2. That all disciples of Christ  
may seek to renew their societies in Christ's image,  
to become places of love, service and compassion,  
especially to the poor, the marginalized and the oppressed.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Response:** *Lord, hear our prayer*

3. That those persecuted, and those facing any hardship  
may be strengthened by God's grace  
and the encouragement and help of fellow believers.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Response:** *Lord, hear our prayer*

4. That we, who receive the gift of the Holy Eucharist,  
may daily imitate the sacrificial love of Christ,  
especially toward those who have hurt us.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Response:** *Lord, hear our prayer*

5. That the leaders and people of the United Arab Emirates,  
and all those who mourn the death  
of the beloved President of the United Arab Emirates and ruler of Abu Dhabi  
His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan,  
may receive God's consolation  
and strength to continue his wise legacy  
of dedicated public service for the welfare of all.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Response:** *Lord, hear our prayer*

6. That the faithful departed may rejoice  
to share Christ's love and glory  
in the new heaven and the new earth  
where there is no mourning or sadness or pain.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Response:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** God our Father,  
you have revealed your compassion to us in the risen Lord.  
Hear the prayers we offer in his name,  
so that we may love one another as Christ has loved us  
and glorify you through him:  
for he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Response:** *Amen.*