

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Prayers of the Faithful

#### **Celebrant:**

We bring our prayers to Jesus, the Lamb who leads us to springs of living water. With renewed faith and confidence, we pray:

1. That all Christians may be united in truth and love as one flock under one shepherd. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For those persecuted because of their faith; like Paul and Barnabas may they find courage and strength in the Lamb who enables them to speak out boldly as the Lord commands. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For those who have yet to hear of Jesus Christ – that the Risen Lord will be a '*light for the nations*', and they may experience the salvation won for them through Jesus Christ. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For vocations to priesthood and religious life. May the faithful witness of those who have dedicated their lives to prayer and service inspire others to respond generously to Christ's call. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For the ministry of priests and religious across our Diocese. May they faithfully help others find Christ by the witness of their lives, the truth of their words, and the integrity of their actions. **Lord, hear us.**
6. As Jews and converts assembled to '*hear the word of God*', help us attentively and prayerfully listen to your Word and proclaim it in the manner of our lives. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For those who are sick or injured, those recovering from addiction, illness or injury; may they find healing and strength in the wounds of the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for His sheep. **Lord, hear us.**

**8.** For those who have died; may they be welcomed into the fullness of life by the Good Shepherd. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:**

God, our refuge and strength, hear the prayers of your flock and grant us life and salvation in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

(Please note: The Presider may choose an appropriate number of prayers from these sample Prayers of the Faithful.)