

## **The Ascension of the Lord Prayers of the Faithful**

**Presider:**

Lord, on this your Ascension Day we bring our hopes and our intentions asking your blessing on us now.

1. We pray for the Church, our Pope Francis, Bishop Tom, all our bishops and all who minister in the Church today. Bless them as they bring the joy of the Ascension to our world of the present. **Lord, hear us.**
2. Today, this Ascension Day, is a day not of sadness, but joy, for the Lord promised “I go to prepare a place for you, so that where I am, you maybe too.” May we now treasure this promise with joyful hope. **Lord, hear us.**
3. On this World Communications Day, we pray for all those in the Church who communicate to others, through multiple means, the saving truth of the gospel, that they may be diligent servants of the Word and conscientious defenders of the truth. **Lord, hear us.**
4. We pray for all who have somehow and for some reason lost their faith. May they rediscover the great joy that your Ascension brings to people – hope and promise of being with you, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Lord, hear us.**
5. We pray for those who are sick, housebound or in hospital, lonely, depressed, saddened, bereaved, that this Feast of your Ascension, will renew their spirits. **Lord, hear us.**
6. We remember our dead especially those whom we loved, and who loved and befriended us; may they experience the eternal peace and love you promised. **Lord, hear us.**

**Presider:**

We have brought to you Lord our needs spoken and unspoken. May this day renew our hope and may we grow ever closer to you now and always. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**