**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Gathered in the love of God, redeemed in the death and resurrection of Jesus, and filled with his Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before our heavenly Father.

1. For the Church: for all who lay down their lives for the name of Jesus; may the Holy Spirit fortify them with courage to remain strong in faith, that in every trial they may glory in the name of Christian. **Lord, hear us.**
2. Jesus invites us to ‘*Remain in my love*’. May the nations of the world rejoice in that gift of love, that hatred, war, and bloodshed may come to an end. **Lord, hear us.**
3. ‘*Sing a new song unto the Lord’*. We pray for musicians, those who enrich our praise and worship of God through their music. May their ministry lift our minds and hearts to glorify the name of God. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For all who have been confirmed in the Spirit this year; may the Holy Spirit set their hearts on fire with an ardent desire to serve God. Fill them with the joy of your presence in their lives and increase in them the fruits of your Spirit. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For parents preparing their children for baptism and for parish baptism teams; may they be supported and encouraged by the prayers and witness of the Christian community. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For the sick, that they will be comforted and strengthened by the knowledge of Christ’s unconditional love for them. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For those who have died; may they share in the fullness of God’s love in heaven. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, send your Spirit of truth into our hearts, that we may faithfully live by the commands of Christ, and be true to the love you have shown us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**