**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** With courage and faith we bring our prayers before our Heavenly Father, the vinedresser.

1. For Pope Francis, our bishops, priests and deacons: may they be fruitful branches of Jesus, the life-giving vine, who never tire of proclaiming the Gospel. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For all young people: may they receive freely the gift of the faith, accept it with gratitude, and nurture it with joy and confidence. **Lord, hear us**.
3. As we live ‘*the life that he wants’*, may our love for one another express itself in the concrete actions of visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, protecting the unborn, and welcoming the stranger. **Lord, hear.**
4. Protect the healthy, calm the frightened, give courage to those in pain, strengthen the sick, console the bereaved, and comfort the dying. **Lord, hear us.**
5. In a time of turbulence, war and conflict, may world leaders work together for justice and build a world of lasting peace and hope for future generations. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For those who have died; may they be granted the fullness of life and joy in heaven. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, we ask that your Spirit may work in and through us to make us branches that bear much fruit for your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.