

Holy Thursday

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant:

Through the washing of feet Christ taught us to love one another. Let us now pray to our heavenly Father for the strength to carry out that command in a spirit of humility and service.

1. For the Church: draw all the baptised into the paschal feast of eternal life as they are nourished in word and sacrament at the table of the Lord. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For Bishop Tom, Bishop Michael, the priests and religious of our diocese. Sustain them in their ministry. Mould them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For the people of our Diocese: that God will give us the grace to know his presence in our everyday lives, strengthen the bonds of communion, and empower us to live out the gospel in a spirit of service and love. **Lord, hear us.**
4. We pray for Ministers of Holy Communion. May they faithfully minister to your people, nourishing them with the bread of life and fulfilling the Lord's call to serve his people in love. **Lord, hear us.**
5. We pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life. May all whom the Lord calls respond with an open and generous heart. May they become instruments of your divine grace as you appoint them to minister in your name. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For the people of the world who tonight gather to celebrate The Lord's Supper in fear – Christians in Syria, Ethiopia, Yemen, Haiti, Myanmar, and The Holy Land. May the Lord's presence and our prayers encourage and sustain their communities. **Lord, hear us.**

7. As Jesus ‘now showed how perfect his love was’, we pray for an end to the conflict in Ukraine. May the paths of love and peace, transform minds and hearts intent on violence and war, and bring an end to conflict, fear and oppression. **Lord, hear us.**
8. We pray for those who wash the feet of others, those who care for the sick; reward their selfless dedication and love, and provide them with adequate resources to fulfil their ministry of care. **Lord, hear us.**
9. For those anointed with the oil of catechumens in preparation for baptism. May they be strengthened by the power of Christ to reject all that is evil in our world. **Lord, hear us.**
10. For all those who will be baptised, confirmed or ordained with the perfumed Chrism consecrated at our Chrism Mass: may they experience the gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit. **Lord, hear us.**
11. For all who are hungry in our world because of famine, conflict, natural disasters, climate change, financial pressure and an uneven distribution of the world’s resources and food. Help us to share what we have so that no one goes hungry in our world. **Lord, hear us.**
12. We pray for those who have died. May they share in the eternal cup of salvation. **Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant:

Heavenly Father,

the new covenant that your Son made with us
sanctifies and redeems us, your Church.

Hear the prayers your faithful people offer to you through your Son,
who is our Lord and Passover for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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