

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Father, we turn to You in faithful confidence with prayers and petitions.

1. For the Church.

Father, guide Your Holy Church – inspire in Your people a deep commitment to proclaim the Good News and to holiness of life. **Lord, hear us.**

2. For those who lead Your Church.

Guide and support those You have called to lead Your people – Pope Francis, Bishop Deenihan, the priests who serve Your people in the parishes of our diocese. May they will know your guidance in their good work. **Lord, hear us.**

3. For Men and Women who Serve your Holy People.

For all men and women who serve your holy people.
Bless and men and women who serve Your people in our local parish and all the parishes of our Diocese. **Lord, hear us.**

4. For Children Preparing for First Holy Communion.

Bless all children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks. Bless their families and friends – open their hearts to accept the call of Lord Jesus to be his disciples. **Lord, hear us.**

5. For Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood.

Help is to be a community open and receptive to your call to priesthood; that we will support men who hear your call to priestly service and stand with them as they pursue their vocation. **Lord, hear us.**

6. For Peace.

We cry out for peace in our world. Inspire us to be magnificent workers for peace and ministers of your mercy to men and women affected by violence. **Lord, hear us.**

7. For the Dead

Father, we commend to You our beloved dead and all who have died in Your mercy. Grant them perpetual peace. We remember today.....

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: We place our prayers before you with confidence, asking that You in great kindness will accept our prayers and petitions. **Amen.**