

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant:

Trusting in the gracious blessings of the Lord, we pray in the power of the Spirit.

1. For the synodal work of our Diocese: may the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit inspire our prayer, concentrate our listening, form us as missionary disciples, and strengthen the bonds of communion. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For all the baptised, especially those received into the Church this Easter; may they grow in the Risen life of Christ, who sends His Advocate the Holy Spirit to teach them everything. **Lord, hear us.**
3. ‘*Peace I bequeath to you my own peace I give you*’ we pray for peace in the world, especially in Ukraine. May hatred and bloodshed come to an end. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For world leaders: that God will inspire them with new ways to right injustice, alleviate poverty, and establish peace. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For all whose hearts are ‘*troubled or afraid*’: may they find solace and comfort in Christ Jesus who makes His home with them. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For God’s creation: may we recognise our interdependence with the created world and work to preserve the balance in nature that God has established. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For the sick, especially those undergoing treatment for cancer at this time. Keep them in perfect peace; be their refuge and strength in times of need, and lay your healing hand on them. **Lord, hear us.**

8. We pray for all who have died. Welcome them into the heavenly Jerusalem where there is only lasting peace and new life in Christ.
Lord, hear us.

Celebrant:

Heavenly Father, send your Spirit of truth into our hearts that we may always reject what is false, and live by the commands of Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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