

Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant:

All our hope lies in the saving death and Resurrection of Christ. Through him, we present our needs to the Father.

1. For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and our Bishop, Tom, that they may continue to proclaim the merciful love of God. **Lord, hear us.**

2. Isaiah recalls how the Lord subdued the powerful army – and restored order and life in the waters of the wilderness. We pray for the people of Ukraine, for those suffering or afraid, for the wounded and the refugee, for an end to war, and a return of the Ukrainian people to their homeland. **Lord, hear us.**

3. For all athletes: bless them with strength, endurance, courage and agility. May their dedication and example, inspire and motivate others in a spirit of communion. May they be humble in victory and gracious in defeat. **Lord, hear us.**

4. For those preparing for Baptism at Easter, that they may grow deeper each day in their understanding and acceptance of God's Word. **Lord, hear us.**

5. For all in the teaching profession: bless them with your grace and wisdom. As educators may they equip their students with knowledge and understanding, counsel and fortitude. **Lord, hear us.**

6. For humility never to judge others harshly. May we learn to use our words wisely to build up and affirm rather than alienate, offend, or cause division. **Lord, hear us.**

7. That all who have wandered far from God may find the strength in this Lenten season to return and experience his tender mercy. **Lord, hear us.**

8. *‘What marvels the Lord worked for us!’* We pray in thanksgiving for God’s protection, the people that surround us with love, those who provide for our needs, for the gift of peace, the beauty of creation, and the opportunities to serve others in faith and love. **Lord, hear us.**

9. May the grace of Lent instil a renewed strength in us to resist temptation and always do what is right by God and our neighbour. **Lord, hear us.**

10. For an end to war and conflict which stifles dialogue and peace, endangers innocent human life, the dignity of the human person and the safety of all caught up in war. **Lord, hear us.**

11. For those who have died. May they share in the glory promised by Christ to those who share in his cross and death.

Celebrant:

Heavenly Father, in your merciful love you raise up the fallen to new life in you. Restore us to the joy of your salvation through Christ our Lord.

Amen.