

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 19TH, 2020



Presider: Let us now bring our prayers and petitions to our merciful Lord.

Lector: For the Church: that we may offer an uncompromising witness to Christ by being united in mind and spirit as we worship, as we study, and as we serve the needs of others.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For Christian unity: that by devoting ourselves to listening to the Scriptures and growing in prayer, we may promote greater unity and cooperation in the Body of Christ.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all who struggle with faith: that the Word of God may open them to a relationship with God and enlighten their path to fuller life.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the grace to forgive: that flowing from God's forgiveness of us, we may forgive those who have harmed or wronged us.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all working to end the pandemic: that God may inspire and give insight to all who are caring for the sick, developing treatments, or researching vaccines.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all who all who are ill, particularly those with Covid-19: that the Risen Lord may bring an end to the coronavirus and give hope, healing, and new life to those who are sick.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all who must work during this crisis: that God may protect them and their families from illness and give them strength to fulfill their duties.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For greater appreciation of creation: that as we experience the creator of all that exists, we may treat all of creation with a greater reverence as God's gift to us.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For Peace: that Christ's gift of peace may settle in the hearts of all the human family and guide us away from violence and revenge.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider: For all who have died: that the Risen Lord will welcome them and share eternal life with them.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider: We remember in a special way the repose of the souls of our St. Joseph Parishioners, their families, and friends.

Presider: We remember especially the Intentions of the People of St. Joseph.

St. Joseph Parish Prayer

Oh Lord, You are the Potter, we are the clay. Design us to reflect Your glory as we rebuild Your church. Fashion our ears to hear new ideas. Shape our hearts to appreciate other's creativity and insight. Form our eyes to see Jesus in each other. Mold our community to be united in our pilgrimage. Help us build a place of refuge, a holy temple, with Jesus as the cornerstone. May we work together with love and care, ever mindful that the spirit, not the structure, is the essence of the design. May we come together as a family of one, to be guided by the Father, Holy Spirit, and Son. Amen.