

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 3RD, 2020



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

Lector: For the church: that we may allow Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd to bring abundant life within us and guide us in using our gifts for His glory.

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

Lector: For all who work to restore life and bring healing, for medical personnel, for counselors, and for priests and chaplains: that God may guide them as they journey with those in pain and preserve them from harm.

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

Lector: For all who are suffering from illness, especially the coronavirus: that God may be a shepherd to them, guide them to the assistance that they need, and sustain them as they recover.

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

Lector: For government leaders: that God may give them insight and courage as they develop plans to both preserve the health and safety of society and to reopen the economy.

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

Lector: For all who are now unemployed or had a reduction in pay: that God may help them to find the resources that they need to sustain themselves and their families and open new opportunities for them to use their gifts.

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

Presider: For all who have died, particularly those from Covid-19: that the Good Shepherd may bring them into the fullness of His Heavenly Kingdom.

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

Presider: We remember in a special way the repose of the souls of our parishioners, families, and friends, and for 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.