

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

THE ASCENSION - MAY 24TH, 2020



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

Lector: For the Church: especially evangelists, missionaries, preachers, and teachers: that God may inspire them to announce God's abiding presence and untiring love for all.

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

Lector: For the grace of conversion: that we may strive to repair the brokenness, injustice, addictions, and selfishness of our society through the saving and redeeming reign of Jesus Christ our merciful Savior.

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

Lector: For all experiencing persecution: that they may draw strength from the victory of Jesus Christ and hold fast to hope.

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

Lector: For leaders: that they may develop wise practices as they move toward resuming public gatherings and that hearts may be open to assisting in new ways to promote safety and good health.

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

Lector: For all who are struggling financially; that God may give them hope, guide them to the resources that they need, and help them find safe employment.

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

Lector: For all of us: that God may protect us from covid-19 and guide researchers in finding treatments and protection from it and the damage it causes survivors.

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

Lector: For peace throughout the world: that God may turn the hearts of world leaders from violence toward co-operation in facing the challenges that confront the human race.

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

Presider: For all who have died, particularly those who have served our nation: that God may welcome them into the company of the saints forever.
(especially: _____)

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.