

17 March 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B
Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: By dying to self, we are born to eternal life. In the spirit of self-denial and penance, let us come to our Father in prayer.

1. For Pope Francis, Archbishop Anthony, all bishops and priests. May they ask for the grace of surrender to God letting go of control and allowing renewal to take place within their hearts. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
2. For a deeper understanding of God's purposes. Jesus practiced obedience through suffering and became the redeemer of all. May we in turn accept the mysterious purposes of God who gives life out of suffering and death. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
3. For a rich harvest among God's people. We believe that the death of a single grain of wheat can yield a rich harvest. May we so die to self and live for others so that through our witness the world may turn from selfishness and enjoy the harvest of peace and justice in Christ. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
4. For a spirit of service. May we be worthy disciples of Jesus, looking for ways to be of service in the community and in the Church, responding to those in need as the Lord showed in his life and in his death. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
5. For our catechumens. May they continue to answer God's call loudly and boldly, making each day of their lives a public testimony of his glory. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
6. Grant patience, healing and comfort to those who are sick and suffering: Henry Chau, Eugenie Zakaria, Lockie Langby, Grace Langby, Sylvia Ocampo, Sandra Kirner. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
7. Let us pray for the souls of our recently departed relatives and friends: Monica McInerney, John Mercer, Fred Perera, Zeljana Bozic.

Pray for those whose death anniversary occurs about now: Vincent Jiang, Kin Zarro.

Pray also for Joseph George Sakr, Mary Sakr, Lambros Ahilas and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory especially those who have no one to pray for them. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

Priest: Loving Father, you are our God and we are your people. May we always be faithful to the Law you have planted in our hearts and glorify you in justice and in truth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.