Sunday 31 March 2024

Second Sunday of Easter Year B Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: As witnesses of the Resurrection, the apostles were sent forth to continue the work of Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray for the mission of the Church and the needs of the world.

- 1. We pray for Pope Francis, our bishop Anthony, all bishops and priests. As successors of Peter and the apostles, may they lead the Church in boldly proclaiming the truth and joy of Easter. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
- 2. We pray for all Catholics. May we continue to grow in faith, recognizing Jesus in the broken bread and shared wine everlasting signs of God's presence in our midst. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
- 3. We pray for all Christians. That we may embrace the corporal and spiritual works of mercy demanded by our Baptism. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
- 4. We pray for those of us who are enslaved by past sins or decisions. That the wounds of Christ may encourage us to seek his surpassing love for us and transform our hearts and minds to live again as God's children. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
- 5. We pray for all people of good will. That the entire human family may recognize our common bond to work for justice and the good of all peoples. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
- 6. We pray for courage to trust in God's love, especially those affected by illness: Bob Hinson, Sandra Kirner, Henry Chau, Anna, Svetlana, Leonor, Sofia, Xi, Mother Pauline.
- 7. We pray for family and friends who have gone before us, may they find eternal peace in the Risen Christ: Monica McInerney, John Mercer, Fred Perera, Jose Tony Quiros, Helen Kwan, Jaime Napoleon Centeno Ching, Demetria Dela Rosa Barros.
- Pray also for those whose death anniversary occurs about now especially Fortunato Custodio. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

Priest: God our Father, we have died with Christ and now live with him. May we be eager to obey your commands and to forgive one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.