

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

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| Date: | 12th May 2019 |
| Day: | 4th Sunday of Easter Year C |
| <i>Priest's introduction</i> | Brothers and sisters, as a community who have chosen to acknowledge Jesus as our shepherd, let us pray for one another, the whole community of faith, and all humanity |
| <i>Intention 1</i> | For the shepherds of the Church, that they may continue to be a light to the nations, and an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth. <i>Pause</i> Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer |
| <i>Intention 2</i> | For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, that many more young men and women may hear and respond to the call of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. <i>Pause</i> Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer |
| <i>Intention 3</i> | For the leaders of nations, that they may heed the witness of Christian prophets and apostles, upholding the dignity of human life and the justice due to all the children of our heavenly Father. <i>Pause</i> Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer |
| <i>Intention 4</i> | For those who are persecuted and in danger because of their faith, that, like Paul and Barnabas they may speak out boldly, giving witness to the word of God as the Lord commands <i>Pause</i> Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer |
| | <i>If the celebrant wishes, an extra, last-minute intention may be added here by hand before Mass.</i> |
| <i>Intention 5</i> | For those who have died and those who grieve their passing, that God may lead the departed souls to the heavenly sheepfold, and wipe away every tear from the eyes of those who remain here below. We remember especially all those caught up in situations of war and natural disasters. <i>Pause</i> Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer |
| | Let us ask the intercession of Our Lady, Help of Christians, as we pray with her and through her when we say: 'Hail Mary.... <i>Pause</i> Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer |
| <i>Priest's prayer</i> | Father, we acclaim your Son as our Shepherd. Through him hear and answer our prayers. Amen |