

**Universal Prayer**

**Priest's Introduction**            Dear brothers and sisters, filled with paschal joy, let us pray more earnestly to God that he, who graciously listened to the prayers and supplications of his beloved Son, may now be pleased to look upon us in our lowliness.

For those who, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, are waiting to celebrate Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, and Marriage; that they may find joy in preparing; so that their new life in Christ may continue to grow, we pray to **You**, Lord.    **R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

That young people may also find joy in seeking You their God, and that by living the Gospel they may help to renew the world, we pray to You, Lord.    **R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

In union with Pope Francis' worldwide intention for May, we pray "that deacons, faithful in their married and family life and service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church", and for the Church in China, we pray to You, Lord. **R.** Lord, make us missionary...

For all victims of sexual abuse or violence, for their families and communities; for all those who are hungry, thirsty, naked, elderly, lonely, sick, in trouble, in prison, refugees, abandoned, or suffering injury or loss due to calamities, we pray to You, Lord.            **R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

For those who are angry, violent, abusive, or in any way disturbed or making trouble for others; that your divine mercy may penetrate their mind, heart, and soul, we pray to **You** Lord....    **R.**

For Humanity during this Covid-19 Pandemic – especially the unemployed or oppressed – that all may find peace in the Risen Christ, we pray to **You** Lord....    **R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

That married couples may get closer to each other by trusting more in God; that families may support each other with their faith in Jesus; and that engaged couples preparing for marriage and family life may make room for God, we pray to You, Lord.    **R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

That men called by You, Lord, to serve as priests may with courage and trust in You say "Yes!" to your call as Mary and Joseph did, and that the shepherds of our souls may govern wisely and generously the flock entrusted to them by the Good Shepherd, we pray to **You** Lord....    **R.**

That our governments may respect parents as first educators of their children, and that all children and families in trouble, and all who suffer because of the weather, the Pandemic, or other troubles, may find comfort in your love, O God, given to all in Jesus, we pray to **You** Lord....    **R.**

That our communities, as we emerge from isolation, may observe the health measures and bear witness with great confidence to the Resurrection of Christ, we pray to **You** Lord....    **R.**

For our own personal intentions....

**Priest's Prayer**            O God, who know that our life in this present age is subject to suffering and need, hear the desires of those who cry to you and receive the prayers of those who believe in you, through Christ our Lord.            **R.** Amen.