

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
**The Sixth Sunday of Easter (6B)**

*Intercessor* God loved us and sent the Son who laid down his life and called us his friends. Let us offer prayers to God for the whole human family and the world, saying *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church, especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that we who are baptized into Christ may abide in his love and bear the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we who have been born of God and know the God who is love, may be instruments of love and healing in the world. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all those in communities and places threatened by discord and unrest, that the words “division, hatred and violence” may be banished from all hearts and be replaced by the grace of God’s justice and love. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all those whom we find it difficult to love, that God will touch our hearts to recognize them as sisters and brothers who, like us, are loved by God. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For a new sense of responsibility for the earth and its resources, that the Spirit will strengthen our resolve to care for God’s creation and ensure resources for future generations. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially....., that they may be strengthened and renewed with the power of God’s love. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, remembering especially....., that they may abide in Christ’s love and know forever the victory of our God. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.*

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, who gives the Holy Spirit to all who believe. Hear our prayers for all people and grant that all the earth may abide in your love and know the joy of your friendship, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives, and reigns one God, for ever and ever.

***Amen.***