

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Intercessor Come from the four winds, O God, and as we journey to the cross and Easter, breathe new life into our bones and hear our voice, as we pray for the Church and the world, saying, **Hear our prayer.**

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that the life and resurrection of Christ may shine through us and fill us with hope and peace, we pray to you, O God. ***Hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, that our faith in Christ will transform our fears into hope, selfishness into love, and deaths into new life, we pray to you, O God. ***Hear our prayer.***

For all who daily confront the death-dealing forces of our society, that they may bring the light of Christ to those struggling with the darkness of abuse, addictions, violence or disease, and find healing and hope, we pray to you, O God. ***Hear our prayer.***

For those who live in places of conflict and war, that God will turn hearts from violence, protect them from further harm, and heal the wounds of body, mind, and spirit, we pray to you, O God. ***Hear our prayer.***

For ourselves and for all those in need of our prayers.....that we may feed on the bread of life and not the bread of anxiety, we pray to you, O God. ***Hear our prayer.***

For those who mourn the death of loved ones, that they may know the compassionate presence of Christ in their lives, we pray to you, O God. ***Hear our prayer.***

In the communion of blessed Mary, the God-bearer and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, to Christ our God. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

Celebrant Blessed are you, God of abundant life, who called your Son from the grave. Receive the prayers we offer this day and grant us a share in his work to bring healing, hope and reconciliation to all the earth, through him in whom we live and move and have our being, our Savior Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***