The Universal Prayer

Sunday 5th May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

Jesus calls on us to remain in his love,

so that in him we will find our joy

as we love one another after his example.

1. We pray with Pope Francis in his intention for May,

that the formation of men and women religious and seminarians

will guide them to maturity, growing in wisdom and pastoral love.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for love in our own lives, grounded in the love of Jesus,

so that our lives are of service towards those in need,

and faithful in prayer before God.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray in this Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week

for those who struggle to cope with life,

that parents, teachers, counsellors and medical professionals  
will be united in their care of them.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for children around the world who are traumatised  
   by war and conflict, in refugee camps, detention and by being kidnapped,

through sickness and grief, that we will hold them up to God in prayer this day.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray that God will guide all working on ceasefire initiatives

in the Holy Land, stiving for peace between Ukraine and Russia,

and negotiating with terrorist groups and governments in Sudan,

Nigeria, Myanmar and Haiti.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for

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1. We pray for Archbishop Leonard Faulkner on this 6th anniversary

of his death, for the victims of war, domestic violence and murder.

We also remember . . .

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father,

through Jesus you have been revealed to the nations.

May the Church, filled with the Holy Spirit,

continue his work in joy and with trust.

Through Christ our Lord

The Universal Prayer

Monday 6th May 2024

Monday Sixth Week of Easter

Celebrant: We pray that the Holy Spirit

will give us the wisdom and courage

to witness to Jesus Christ in our daily lives.

1. May there be in the hearts and minds of all Christians

a deep love for truth.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. May truth be found in the Church, politics, business, industry,

and in all clubs and organizations,

so that justice will prevail in all circumstances.

Christ, hear us.

1. May those Christians who face hardship

because of the witness they give to Christ,

be sustained by the Holy Spirit.

Christ, hear us.

1. May the strong faith and devotion of Lydia,

be a source of encouragement for all the women

of our parish.

Christ, hear us.

1. May this National Nurses Week bring blessings upon all in the nursing profession and heighten our grateful respect for them

Christ, hear us.

1. May St Dominic Savio be an encouragement for those placed under his patronage: choir boys, youth who are in trouble with the police and all who are falsely accused.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Heavenly God, we rejoice in your gifts,

and we give thanks for

your salvation received.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 7th May 2024**

**Sixth Week of Easter Time**

Celebrant: My friends, Jesus’ promise of the Spirit

continues to console the Church today

as it serves in a fragile and struggling world.

1. That the Church may listen carefully to the truth of Christ’s teaching,

and proclaim it with love and trust.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. That the Spirit will help all people of goodwill

to recognise sin, and so stive to make choices for all that is good and noble.

Christ, hear us.

1. That the Spirit may help us to be confident

in the merciful judgment of God.

Christ hear us

1. That those who are responsible for the safety and welfare

of those in our prisons may carry out their tasks with

respect and fairness.

Christ, hear us.

1. That is Air Quality Awareness Week will heighten our concern

of this issue and its effects on people with breathing difficulties,

especially in places where war and its weapons impact so badly on people.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God, may the love of Jesus always sustain us.

for he lives and reigns forever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

#### **Wednesday 8th May 2024**

**Sixth Week in Easter Time**

Celebrant: My friends, we admire the skill of Paul as a teacher,

that he could use the experience of the people to lead

them to know Jesus.

1. That those who share the faith with children and adolescents

may be sensitive to their culture, and show them the face of Jesus

through the integrity of their lives and the wisdom of their words.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. That priests may approach people with pastoral love, and help them

to find where God is in their lives.

Christ, hear us.

1. That the Spirit of truth may be with all politicians

so that they can be true public servants

working for the welfare of all in this land.

Christ, hear us.

1. That every effort will be made to release the hostages held by Hamas,

the thousands arrested without charge by the Israeli military, and the prisoners held in Russia and Ukraine.

Christ, hear us.

1. That Christians being imprisoned, persecuted and harassed across the world will be sustained in their faith through the Holy Trinity.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Receive our praise and thanksgiving.

Through Christ our Lord

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 9th May 2024**

**Sixth Week in Easter Time**

Celebrant Sisters and brothers, the Lord has the power to turn our sorrows into joy because he has conquered death

and been raised as the source of eternal life.

1. We pray for those who carry the burden of grief,

that their present sorrow may be turned to joy through the

action of the Holy Spirit.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray for cooperation and friendships in the Church as seen in the example of Paul living and working with Aquila and Priscilla and their family, and with Silas and Timothy in their preaching the Good News.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray for an end to all wars which only bring suffering to people,

so that with renewed efforts, peace will prevail everywhere and

harmony be restored.

Christ, hear us

1. That St Louise de Marillac with be a strong patron of the Daughters of Charity, whom she co-founded with St Vincent de Paul, along with social workers who also honour her today.

Christ, hear us.

5 That Bishop Patrick Bonaventure Geoghegan, second bishop of Adelaide,

whose 160th anniversary of death is today, will be remembered with gratitude for building up the church in South Australia in difficult times, as we entrust him to God’s care.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord our God,

may we make justice the foundation

of our relationships with one another.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Friday 10th May 2024**

Friday Sixth Week of Easter

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

Jesus teaches us the true spirit of service.

1. We pray that Christians will show to others the joy of the gospel

which will lead them to Jesus Christ.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray that there will be people of goodwill and integrity in all

governments, who like the proconsul Gallio, judged St Paul fairly, and refused to be intimidated by the prejudices of the mob.

Christ, hear us

1. We pray that the sorrow carried by so many people in our own communities and across the world will be lifted by the risen Jesus

so that his inner joy will be their strength.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray that peace will prevail in every place of conflict across the globe especially across the Holy Land, in Ukraine and Russia, in Sudan, Myanmar and Haiti.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray for Christians persecuted for their faith, and for all other minorities deprived on their freedoms.

Christ, hear us

Celebrant: Lord God, through your Son lead us to heaven

where he lives and reigned for ever and ever

#### **The Universal Prayer**

#### **Saturday 11th May 2024**

**Saturday 6th Week of Easter**

Celebrant: Dear friends,

Jesus has assured us

that anything we ask for in his name

will be given to us.

1. That the joy which comes through our faith

may be complete when we turn to God in prayer.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. That when we pray it may always be

so that God’s will for us is achieved

to his glory.

Christ, hear us.

1. That the example of Aquila and Priscilla instructing Apollos in the

Christian faith, may be a blessing for all lay people in the Church

who also teach others about Christ.

Christ, hear us.

1. That those who serve people in other countries as volunteers in community and Church organizations: in relief work, in education, nursing, medical, agriculture and building professions and trades, will build up a spirit of respect and cooperation.

Christ, hear us.

1. That parents in war and terrorist zones, distressed for the plight of their children, will bond with each other in friendship and trust, nourishing hope in their desperate situations.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Father, we praise you with one voice.

Through Christ our Lord.