

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – MAY 11, 2025

Leader: Gathered in the name and power of our risen Lord, through whom the glory of God is revealed, let us offer our prayers to almighty God saying: Hear our prayers, O gentle shepherd, and lead us to the waters of grace.

All: Hear our prayers, O gentle shepherd, and lead us to the waters of grace.

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for the good news of your love and our lives: for all that brings us laughter and joy; For the honor of worshiping you, and the blessing of being sent to serve your reign.

All: Hear our prayers, O gentle shepherd, and lead us to the waters of grace.

We give you thanks, O God, for the love of community, and we pray for people among us who are in need – remembering those on the Ascension prayer cycle, those who are sick, grieving, in need of the things; and that we will be attentive to respond to those needs as Christ provides for us.

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Leader: For the mission of the Church throughout the world, and those brave enough to speak your peace in the midst of violence; hear our prayers this day for those places in our world where all is not peaceful. We ask for your Spirit of love to prevail and for your peace that passes all understanding to triumph over all evil.

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Leader: For ourselves and our neighbors in this city, province, country, and worldwide community, that we may always strive to follow you as our Good Shepherd and be counted as those among your fold. As we work as one flock with one Shepherd, may we all work toward our shared goal of serving together to bear witness to your justice.

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Leader: On this Mother's Day, we give thanks for the people in our lives who have reflected your mothering love. And we pray, O God, for all for whom this day is difficult: for people whose mothers have died, or who have painful relationships with their mothers; For people who long to be mothers or parents who have lost their children. For mothers whose children are far away, and children whose mothers have been separated from them. Hold the range of our emotions in your tender care. Enliven us in joy, comfort us in sorrow, encourage us in despair, and show us how to care for one another.

All: Hear our prayers, O gentle shepherd, and lead us to the waters of grace.