

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
General Intercessions**

May 9, 2021

Our Response: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

1. This weekend, we celebrate Mother's Day. As we do so, we ask that the Holy Spirit bless and protect all of our mothers--living and dead--our grandmothers, foster mothers and all those who have shown us a mother's love and care,

We pray to the Lord,

2. This weekend, around the state and the country, students are graduating from college. As they and their families celebrate, we give prayers of thanksgiving for their accomplishments and successes and for the sacrifices that it took to achieve them, and ask God's blessings on all of them as they move into the next stage of their adult lives,

We pray to the Lord,

3. The Gospel message today is about love and its central importance in creation. As we ponder this message, we pray especially for those around the world who are unloved or who feel themselves to be unloved, that the Holy Spirit will open their hearts to God's mercy and love and provide resources to address problems of isolation, abuse or other conditions that create anguish and loneliness,

We pray to the Lord,