

Ascension (13 May 2018)  
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

1. We pray for the church and all the baptized, members of the Body of Christ; for God's grace to open our eyes and our hearts to the Holy Spirit promised when Jesus returned in glory to the Father ... we pray to the Lord.
  
2. We pray for people of goodwill to stop looking up to the sky, and work instead to build the kingdom in our midst; for pastors and educators, peacemakers and peacekeepers, ministers of the Word and of Service ... we pray to the Lord.
  
3. We pray for Pope Francis and his ministry of proclaiming Good News in service to God's people; for missionaries and prophets who challenge us to embrace the cross; and for leaders of other faith communities ... we pray to the Lord.
  
4. We pray for our civic leaders and citizens; for work that protects the vulnerable in our midst—the unborn, the poor, the immigrant, the homeless; for courage to promote the common good, and to seek peace ... we pray to the Lord.
  
5. We pray with gratitude for the women who have given us life and nurtured us along the way; for all whose yearning for children goes unfulfilled; and for those who await the birth of a child in joy and fear ... we pray to the Lord.
  
6. We pray for the sick among our loved ones; for those who live with depression, addiction, chronic pain, and anxiety; for the homebound, the disabled, and the dying; we pray also for  
Gertrude Hughes; Peggy Dixon; Sharon Shirey;  
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... may they be comforted in God's merciful embrace ... we pray to the Lord.
  
7. We pray for our mothers who have gone home to God; for mothers who mourn the death of a child; and for all our beloved dead; we pray especially for  
Ann Cekada (se-KAY-da); Ann Hanych (ha-NICK); Keator Bohrmann;  
Robyn Pridmore (PRIDE-mor); Edith Meadows;  
Faye Pici (PEE-see)—wife of Al Pici;  
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... with hope in the promise of eternal life, we pray to the Lord.