

Fourth Sunday of Easter (12 May 2019)
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

1. We pray for all God's people and their shepherds; for all who have received the sacraments of Easter; for all who long for God's mercy, healing, and peace; and for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our midst ... we pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for God's blessing and favor upon all mothers, those who are with us, and those who have returned home to God; for mothers who struggle, or who have lost children, and for women who long for children ... we pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for greater compassion toward others in our nation and our world; that world leaders promote understanding and respect for people on the margins of society; for hearts like that of Jesus the Good Shepherd ... we pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for the wisdom to model and teach respectful attitudes, language, and behavior to our children; for those who live in fear of prejudice, injustice, and violence; and for those blinded by pride and greed ... we pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for compassionate and generous defenders of the vulnerable—the unborn, children, the elderly, refugees, the homeless, and the destitute; for the healing of wounds caused by our biases and indifference ... we pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for those who suffer, the homebound, the disabled, those who struggle with addiction, and those who live with mental health issues; for caregivers and medical professionals; and for healing in body and spirit; we pray especially for Nancy John; Barbara Ferency;

... that they know God's care and consolation ... we pray to the Lord.
7. We pray for those who have died, especially our mothers, and for those who mourn the loss of a loved one; for the forgotten victims of war, random violence, and natural disaster; we pray also for George Mitchell; Chas Pauly; Patrick Shields—son of Betty Johns; Dolores Pici;

... may they find their place at the eternal wedding feast ... we pray to the Lord.