

Fifth Sunday of Lent (29 March 2020)
Prayers of the Faithful

1. We pray for the church throughout the world, her people and her shepherds; for unity among Christian believers; for all who seek answers about life and death; and for all who seek God with sincere hearts ... we pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for world leaders, for our women and men in uniform, those who serve in public office, business, education, medicine, and the media; for peace in our world, and those who suffer from poverty and alienation, injustice and oppression, violence and war ... we pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for greater respect for human life and dignity; for those who tragically seek death as an escape from life's pain and suffering; for those who speak God's mercy to the fearful and those without hope ... we pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for the conversion of sinners, those who take advantage of the weak, and those who promote the works of death; for the healing of the exploited, and those victimized by human trafficking and pornography; and for those who struggle with addictions and habits of sin ... we pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for the homebound, the sick, those suffering chronic pain, seasonal flu and colds, and those affected by coronavirus; the disabled and those in nursing and hospice care; and for their caregivers, healthcare professionals and family members, we pray especially for
Palma Matera;

... that they know God's comfort and healing presence ... we pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for those who have died; those who grieve deeply, and those who accompany them; we pray especially for
Fredda Stone; Richard Baker; Peggy Vreuls; Fr. Bob Bauer;

... that they find their place at the heavenly wedding banquet ... we pray to the Lord.