

Fifth Sunday of Easter (2 May 2021)  
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

1. We pray for all the baptized, branches on the vine that is Jesus Christ; for ministers of the Word and ministers of service; for workers in the vineyard of the Lord; and for all God's people ... we pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for those who struggle to live their faith, who need understanding or guidance to discern God's will; for their openness of heart and mind to God's truth; and for those sent to proclaim God's mercy ... we pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for those throughout the world who suffer injustice and violence for their faith; for greater compassion for the vulnerable, and for mutual respect to help bind us closer to the family of nations ... we pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for those who hear the invitation to a deeper relationship with Christ, the true vine; for spiritual strength against arrogance, self-righteousness, and selfish pride; and for spiritual fruit that will last ... we pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for educators, catechists, and theologians; authors, musicians, and publishers; for all who dedicate time and effort to enriching our lives of faith; and for those who hunger and thirst for God ... we pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for our sisters and brothers who suffer from illness, disability, chronic pain, and the pandemic; and for those approaching the end; we pray also for Juan Gonzales; Georgette Cote; Tom Sanger; Patty Fitzgerald; Margaret Cowan Sr. Mary Anne Fedor; Arthur Cacella, Jr.;

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... with assurance in God's care for his children ... we pray to the Lord.
7. We pray for those who have returned to God in death, and for their loved ones who mourn their passing; we pray especially for Cindy Williams; Anne Seaton; Patricia Golden; Mimi Fosnocht; Ben Glymph; Gary Kessler; Jane Loney;

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... may God receive them with rejoicing into his peace ... we pray to the Lord.