

Exaltation of the Holy Cross (14 September 2025)
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

1. We pray for the church throughout the world, and for all Christians who claim the cross of Jesus Christ ... and for the willingness to embrace the compassion, reconciliation, and humility that it signifies ... we pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for those engaged in the work of peacemaking, civil and church leaders, soldiers and diplomats, and women and men of goodwill ... and for all who yearn for peace in our time ... we pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for the healing of ungrateful, undeserving, and unworthy hearts ... for the gifts of sincere gratitude for all we have received, and gracious generosity in extending our blessings to those who are not blessed as we are ... we pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for all in need, the poor, the homeless, those without adequate work, health care, education, and promise for the future ... for greater patience in the face of adversity ... we pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for the sick and those who suffer, especially
Helen Baska; Chip Hill; Ron Loney (loo-knee);

... for courage and strength in their time of physical weakness, and for family members and medical professionals who assist them ... we pray to the Lord.

6. We pray for those who have died, especially
Kathy Barbaro; Brock Lewis; John Russell March; Sharon Coffey;
Dan Ford; John Lacy;

... we pray also for those who grieve ... for the consolation of God's Spirit in the life-giving sign of the cross ... we pray to the Lord.