

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
The Fifth Sunday of Easter (5B)

Intercessor As branches of Jesus, the living Vine, we seek to abide in the Spirit of love and bring our prayers to God, saying: *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church, especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that our faith may deepen, our hope be strengthened, and our love abound in deeds of loving service and justice. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we may continually draw life from Christ and bear a rich harvest of love and service for God's glory. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the grace of letting go, that God will help us to let go of those things which need to be pruned so that life and love may flow through us as signs of God's tender care. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who feel cut off from God, friends, themselves or life itself, that God will show them how they are connected and from whom they can draw life. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For an end to war and violence in all places, that God will turn hearts from destructive deeds, open pathways for dialogue, and protect the innocent from harm. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who are in need of our prayers, remembering especially.....that Christ will renew the gift of life within them and strengthen them in God's love. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, remembering especially.....that they may abide in the love of God forever. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, the Apostles Philip & James and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.*

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who abides in all who love you. Hear the prayers we offer this day and give us your Spirit of peace so that loving one another we may walk in the way that leads to eternal life. Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**