

**Prayer of the Faithful  
April 2 - 3, 2021  
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Presider: Desiring to pursue “the goal, the prize of God’s upward calling, in Christ Jesus,” we offer our prayers and petitions.**

**Lector:**

**For the Church, may the faithful always and everywhere be instruments of boundless love and infinite mercy so that the Church may truly become a new creation in Christ, we pray...**

**For world leaders, may they work together to help ensure world peace and better care of the planet we share, we pray...**

**For all Ukrainians, may our prayers and support help sustain them in this time of need, and may they come to know peace and security in their land, we pray...**

**For our own country’s political leaders, may they receive the grace to embrace true justice and mercy so that civil, respectful, and truthful discourse may become a reality throughout our nation, we pray...**

**For those who identify as LGBTQ+, may the discrimination and marginalization they still so sadly experience in so many places and in so many ways be replaced by true belonging, inclusivity, and support, we pray...**

**For our parish community, may our experience of participation in the synodal process help us to see all things new in Christ, we pray...**

**For our catechumens and candidates, that through the Church and its Sacraments they may experience the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus as their Lord and savior who frees them from sin and death, we pray...**

**For those in our community who have asked for our prayers, for the sick, especially Jorge Alfonzo, the dying, and our beloved dead, among them, Frank Sacco, Christine McDonald, Thomas Poznick, Clarisa Mesa, Maddalena Cuminetto, Robert Newton, Jack Joyce, Raffaele Barletta, José Alfredo Lafeé, Alvarito Villafañe Gomez, Alvaro Villafañe Ruiz, The González Pedemonte Family, and José Manuel Gómez, we pray...**

**Presider: God of all compassion, hear our prayers and help us always to embrace our upward calling so that we may fully rejoice in you in and through Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN.**