

Prayers of the Faithful
April 6 - 7, 2019
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...**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

For blessing upon Wilton D. Gregory, the newly named archbishop of Washington, D.C., may his leadership help to bring much needed healing and reform to our Church and country, we pray...**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

For our country’s political leaders, may they receive the grace to embrace justice and mercy for all peoples, we pray...**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

For those suffering from the aftermath of natural disasters in South East Africa, in our own country and throughout the world, may they be consoled by our prayers and be given the type of care and support that they need, we pray...**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

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...**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

For blessing upon the youth of our parish, that inspired by both Pope Francis’s new Apostolic Exhortation – “Christ is Alive” – and the Jesuit Universal Apostolic Preference about youth, our entire parish community may more fully embrace its shared mission to accompany young people in the creation of a hope-filled future, we pray...**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

For those in our community who have asked for our prayers, for the sick, the dying and our beloved dead, among them Louise T. Crowley, Philip Connell, Frances Brennan Hamilton, Kevin Martin, Frank Ascione, and Edilberto Castillo, may they, whether in life or in death, be filled with joy, we pray...**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

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