**Prayer of the Faithful**

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 18 - 19, 2019

**Presider:** In the spirit of desiring a new heaven and a new earth in which we reflect God’s justice and mercy, we offer our prayers and petitions.

**Lector:**  
That Church communities may strive to love one another as Jesus loves us so that all will know we are Christians by our love, we pray…**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the family of nations may we be good stewards of creation, we pray…**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our country may imitate our God by being gracious and merciful to refugees and immigrants, the poor and the marginalized, we pray…**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the 2019 graduates will go forth from their high schools, colleges or universities to make good and meaningful life choices that help to further God’s work on earth, we pray…**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our St. Ignatius parish community may always bear witness together to Christ’s new commandment to love one another, we pray…**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That those who have been recommended to us for prayer, those in pain, those who mourn, and those suffering from mental or physical afflictions will experience God with them wiping every tear from their eyes, we pray…**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our beloved dead, among them Rita Ostdiek, Francis Doherty, Enid Ford Jones, Phyllis E. Richardson, Patrick Joseph Lundy, and Mary Dafarra, may they dwell in God’s glory in the new, eternal Jerusalem, we pray…**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Presider:** God of love and compassion, may we your faithful ones, always and everywhere, bless and glorify you in and through Christ our Lord.  
**AMEN.**