

Prayers of the Faithful 17 – 18 May

PRESIDER

Dear friends, blessed by Jesus' parting gift to us – his new commandment of love – let us hold the world in our hearts as we pray in the power of his Spirit.

READER

We pray for Pope Leo XIV that the Holy Spirit will endow him with all the wisdom, courage, insight and holiness he needs to guide the church's mission to the human family. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray on the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'*, that we will strive more fully to care for creation and for the poor. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for peace in our world; in Palestine and Ukraine and other areas affected by war. We pray that leaders will seek to commit to finding non violent and lasting solutions to conflict. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the multitude of children who have been uprooted, maimed or orphaned by war, that a merciful end to hostilities will give them a chance to recover from their trauma. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the Catholic community in Australia, that Saturday's Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians (Australia's Patron saint), will draw everyone together in renewed faith and mission. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Fr James, may the vocational call to priesthood that you experienced many years ago, be renewed and strengthened as you move forward (pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have died recently . . . , and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be made at home in God's new heaven and new earth. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

PRESIDER

God of everlasting glory, you make all things new in Christ. Fill our hearts with joy and send us forth as apostles of love. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord.