

## **Pentecost Sunday Year A, 24 May 2026.**

Dear friends, Jesus, newly risen, dispelled his disciples' fear and sent them out on a mission of mercy and peace. In that spirit let us take our wounded world to heart.

### **READER**

We pray for the world-wide church, that empowered by the Holy Spirit believers everywhere will help renew the face of the earth. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the Church in this great land of the Holy Spirit, that under the patronage of Our Lady Help of Christians, the community of faith will be a beacon of hope and unity. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and their families. We pray that the Holy Spirit be given to them more fully as they grow as new members of your church and witnesses to your saving love.

We pray for Australians old and new, that this year's National Sorry Day (26 May) and **Reconciliation Week** (27 May–3 June) will call everyone together in the spirit of the Uluru Statement from the Heart. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the unsung volunteers of the church and community service organisations, that their care for others will strengthen the bonds of our common humanity. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died recently. . . , and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be made ever new in the company of the saints. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

### **PRESIDER**

Ever-living God, day by day you bring your new creation to birth. Renew us in spirit and kindle in us the fire of your love. We ask this through Christ our risen Lord.