**5th Sunday of Easter Year A**

Faithful God we give you thanks that you sent your Son to be the way, the truth and the life. Hear the prayers we offer for the world and the church.

Loving God, we give you thanks for the abundance and beauty of the earth which you have entrusted to us to care for and delight in. We pray for the preservation of the earth and responsible use of its resources. Teach us to share more unselfishly the riches you provide. We bring to you our troubled world, leaders of all nations, in our own country our Prime minister and the National Cabinet and all Federal and State Ministers that they may manifest a spirit of reconciliation and peace.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, we pray for your church, for our parish our Vicar Dianne and our Curate Greg and our parish council that together with them we may be open to the promptings of your spirit. Unite us as a community of faith, that we may grow in understanding of your word and be faithful in prayer. Help us in this time apart to be united through prayer, telephone, text messages and emails.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, in times of trouble you bring healing and wholeness to your people. We bring to you those in need, the lonely, the outcast, the sick and the dying and those who mourn. Teach us to share the pain and lighten the burdens of those who suffer, the broken hearted and those who are afraid or unable to name their needs.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

We give you thanks for your faithful people of every age and we remember all who have died in your love. Help us to follow you in faith, hope and love, that with all your saints we may be raised up to everlasting life.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith**

**We may by your grace receive,**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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