**FIFTH Sunday of Lent** 

## As we continue on our Lenten pilgrimage in these difficult times, let us continue to raise our voices in supplication, confident that God will hear us and give us what we need:

- 1. For the Church to guide the world in hope and faith, for all the baptized to, in the name of Jesus, bring comfort to the suffering, peace to those in despair, and refuge to those who are lost, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2. For the world leaders in every nation who are facing devastation from the coronavirus, for our own nation and state leaders involved in everyday decisions that save and protect human lives, for prudence, wisdom, and right judgement to prevail at all times, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4. For those who are suffering from the coronavirus infection and for those who have lost a loved one to this illness; for the scientists and public health officials to find soon a remedy for this global and dangerous infection, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5. For the doctors, nurses, and all medical personnel who are desperately caring for those with this devastating disease; for their safety and protection and for the wellbeing of their families, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5. For all those who find themselves homeless, in shelters, nursing homes, migrant detentions centers and other places where there is no choice of freedom, for God's protection and compassionate hands to help them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6. For those who are confined to home, especially families with children and elderly people, for peace and acceptance in our hearts, and for strength to remain faithful throughout this time of confinement, let us pray to the Lord.
- 7. For our Catholic community at Holy Faith, in Gainesville, in all Parishes of our Diocese and our nation; for openness to come out of our own tomb of complacency, doubt, or greed, and for courage to surrender to Jesus' call to a true life in Him, let us pray to the Lord.
- 8. For the well-being and health for those who are sick; for those who are suffering from depression and anxiety, for our brothers and sisters in nursing home, hospitals, and institutions, and for all the needs which we now lift up in silent prayer, ...[pause]...let us pray to the Lord.

## Prayer: God our Father,

by raising Lazarus from the dead your Son, Jesus Christ, showed us that he came in order that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

In his name we ask you to free us from sin, and fill us with faith, hope, and charity so that we may bear witness to this new life of justice and peace. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen