

As baptized members of Christ's Body, let us remember and honor our duty to raise our voices as to intercede for the needs of the world and of our Church, confident that God will hear us and knows what we need:

1. For all Christians throughout the world, the redeemed people of God, for our unity in one faith and one Baptism: for courage when we fear, strength when we feel weak, and for joy in this time of Easter, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For all the faithful in the Church, both ordained and lay faithful, as we experience the hunger for the Holy Eucharist especially at this time of Easter; for all to have the courage to sustain our faithfulness to the command of love, and the hope to soon be able to share the sacred meal and offer the Holy Sacrifice as our most important sign of our love and unity, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For courage and good judgement for those who govern our states and country, for all in the Congress and in Government Agencies, who make decisions every day on life and death: decisions about unborn children, about the elderly, health care, finances, and environment; especially for those who make decisions during this time of coronavirus pandemic, let us pray to the Lord
4. For comfort for the many people who will be in hospitals during this Easter time, especially those who are on ventilators, separated from their loved ones; for their loved ones to find compassionate hearts to console and accompany them in their sorrow, let us pray to the Lord.
5. For all medical personnel, first responders, those who are working to keep food on our tables, to continue the essential services we need, who distribute food, and for those who bravely volunteer to care for those who are sick, for their own safety and protection and for them to experience our love and gratitude for their sacrifice, let us pray to the Lord.
6. For those who have lost their jobs because of the COVID crisis, especially for those families caring for children and elderly relatives at home; for them to find the generosity they need through our own acts of charity and compassion in the name of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.
7. For those who have died, especially those who have died in hospitals, alone, without the comfort of their loved ones, for families who are suffering the pain of not being able to bury their loved ones, for the mercy of God to embrace them in love and compassion, and for all the needs which we now lift up in silent prayer, ...[pause]...let us pray to the Lord.

**Prayer: Lord our God
Jesus, your Son, shed his blood on the cross
so we can have eternal life with you.
Look upon us, your children,
united in your Spirit this holy day.
With confidence in your love and goodness,
we present our prayers to you, gracious Father,
through Jesus Christ
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen**