

1 May 2022  
**Third Sunday of Easter Year C**  
**Prayer of the Faithful**

Priest In today's gospel, Jesus asks Peter three times, do you love me? We fervently ask for the grace to love Jesus more and more every day so that our singular commitment to him be true, strong and everlasting.

1. We pray for Pope Francis, our bishop Anthony, all bishops and priests, that strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they may remain faithful to their vocation, nurturing their personal relationship with God and bearing witness to His goodness. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
2. God calls men today to lay down their lives so that others may have life. We pray that mothers and fathers encourage and guide their sons in discerning vocation to the priesthood. We also pray that all Catholics be actively involved in supporting and building up seminaries. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
3. We pray for our Church and parish community, that our relationships be reinvigorated by the new life of Christ through patience, forgiveness and reconciliation. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
4. We pray for all who seek election to serve the nation. May the Holy Spirit inspire them to pursue a better politics that is wise and courageous and governs for the good of all. (Pause). Lord, hear us.
5. In this month of May we ask Mary our Mother to pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that the great suffering being experienced by so many throughout the world may soon end. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
6. Grant patience, healing, and comfort to those who are sick and suffering: Teresa Liu, Bob Hamblion, Gwen Smith, Floricia Ruiz, Rory Higgins, David Harlor, Magdalena Rodriguez. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
7. Let us pray for the souls of our recently departed relatives and friends: Josefina Ocampo, Betty Argerakis, Danica Maric, Juan Tomlay, Mariano Borbon Sr, Salustiano Iguas, Diana Patricia Rojas Rodriguez, Fr Clemente Kong, Bob Harding, Fr Alexander Sipanui, Vincent Jiang, Margarida Cameirao, Joseph Park.

Let us pray for those whose death anniversary occurs about now: Sr Bede RSJ, Sam Haq, Greg Payne, Anne Boyce, Mark Longworthy.

Priest Loving God, guide us in the path of discipleship, so that, as you have blessed us, we may be a blessing for others, bringing the promise of your kingdom nearer by our words and deeds. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.