

General Intercessions
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 14 and 15, 2022

Presider: Let us now pray for the needs of the world and for the work to which we are called.

Leader: For Pope Francis and our church's leaders, that their vision, words, and actions may witness to a deep love for the whole human family and the Earth itself; for great visionaries who have illuminated our way; for Archbishop Oscar Romero, Martin Luther King Junior, Dorothy Day, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Nelson Mandela, and many others; for courage to follow them in witnessing to the Gospel. We pray.

ALL: **Lord, hear our prayer;**
Deus, exaudi nos; (God, hear us)
Señor, escúcha nos. (Lord, listen to us)

Leader: For the wisdom to instill respectful attitudes, speech, and behavior in our children; for those who consider respect for others a weakness; for those who work to combat all forms of bullying; for the honesty and humility to assess our biases, no matter how subtle; for the courage to heal wounds that our biases have caused or intensified; and for the will to challenge those who denigrate others. We pray.

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Leader: For an awareness of our call to bring vision to life in our corner of the world, through our often-meagre attempts and floundering commitment; for our Leadership councils who minister to the people of Pax Christi and seek better ways to develop a future beyond ourselves, who understand that strength is not from power; for hearts and minds open to a

larger and more beautiful image of peace in which people can live together in tranquility and security. We pray.

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Leader: For believers everywhere: for those who care for others, who tend the sick, assist the poor, attend to the outcast, for the sick and the injured, those who visit the imprisoned; for all those who support others by their prayers; for a new youth ministry coordinator, and for all the prayers offered in our prayer basket. We pray.

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Leader: For all young people – for those children receiving their first holy Communion, for those who are graduating this year, full of hope for the possibility of contributing to a better world, and for work that fulfills their dreams. We pray.

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Leader: For those too sick, for those who are worried or in too much pain to attend to a larger vision of life; and for the compassion to serve their needs; for those who have died, and for those who mourn their passing. We pray.

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Presider:

God who makes all things new, empower us. We pray that we may dream of a new Earth in which your love permeates everyone and everything. Give us the courage to take risks and to deal with setbacks, as did the early disciples. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.