

**Intentions for Prayer**  
**The Fifth Sunday in Lent (B)**

That all Christians may grow in faith and live more fully in God's love:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That our local and governments may have the energy and wisdom they need to carry out their work of public service:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That as Jesus laid down His life for us, so we may find strength to sacrifice ourselves for others, especially the poor, the weak, the unwanted and the unborn:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That those who are suffering from the economic effects of the pandemic may find assistance and be relieved of any unnecessary anxiety:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That the gentle strength and honourable example of St Joseph may encourage our society to appreciate the virtues of true faith and paternal care:

*Lord, hear us ...*

For an end to this pandemic; that widespread vaccination may prove successful and that nations may work together and neighbours help one another:

*Lord, hear us ...*

For doctors, nurses, healthcare workers and carers; that they may be sustained in their service and bring healing and help to all who are in their care during this time of pandemic:

*Lord, hear us ...*

For those who must endure a time of self-isolation or make the sacrifice of shielding for another; that they may have reward for their goodness:

*Lord, hear us ...*

For the sick, the suffering and the fearful; that they may be comforted by the presence of Christ's peace in their hearts:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That those who grieve for their departed loved ones may be consoled by the promise and joy of our Lord Jesus Christ:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That those who have died may share in the triumph of Christ over death:

*Lord, hear us ...*

Let us seek the help of Mary's prayers: *Hail, Mary...*