

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR  
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

**May 21, 2023**

*Intercessor* Knowing and believing the love God has for us, let us offer prayers in the name of Jesus, saying, *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For the Church, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, that we may give testimony to Christ's mission of bringing hope and healing to those in need. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that the good news of the Risen and Ascended Christ may bring forth a new flowering of peace and hope in our lives. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For peace and a de-escalation of tension between world powers, that God will guide the work of those who seek a peaceful resolution to conflicts and disagreements. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For all who are waiting: the birth of a child, the renewal of health, or the return of a job or loved one, that they may experience God with them in this time and draw strength from the prayers and concerns of others. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For an end to gun violence in our towns and cities, that the Spirit will awaken a new sense of the dignity of human life and open alternatives to violent confrontations. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For those in need of our prayers, remembering especially, . . . . ., that they may cast all their care on Christ who cares for them, *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, remembering especially, . . . . ., that they share in the eternal glory of Christ for ever. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, Saint Thomas the Apostle, our Patron, and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves, and one another, to the living God through Christ. *Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.*

*Presider* Faithful God, because of your Son's great love for us, we stand redeemed as your holy people; hear our prayers and help us to embrace the name of Jesus that we may glorify you in the world, and bear witness to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**THE PRAYER LIST FOR THIS WEEK**

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Alexa, all Victims of Violence, Amy, Andrea, Ann, Arlene, Bill, Bill B., Bill and Cathy, Bert, Brett, Carolyn, Christian, Clare, Doc, Ellie, Elizabeth, Frank, George, Hank, Helena, Ian, Jamie, Janet, Jean, Jim, Joann, John, Kathy, Lisa, Maddie, Marcia, Mark, Martin, Michael, Mike, Paula, Payton, Renee, Rita, Ron, Sam, TeAnn, and the People of Ukraine.

THE VERSE FOR THE CELTIC ALLELUIA  
FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER-  
TO BE SUNG BEFORE THE PROCLAMATION OF THE HOLY GOSPEL  
AND REPEATED AFTERWARDS:

God brings the world to himself  
Now through his Christ reconciling;  
He has trusted us with the  
News of redeeming love.

THE APOSTLES' CREED  
FOR USE IN EASTERTIDE

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* *I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

*Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* *I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Eternal God,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Savior. Amen.*