


## Prayers of the People (Year C: Easter 4, 5-11-2025)

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God our shepherd, hear our prayers offered with thanksgiving and sincerity as we say: Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (the Anglican Church of Japan). In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of St. John's, Indio. In the Military Cycle of Prayer, we pray for US Navy Nurses Corps on their 117th Birthday. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

When our nation walks in darkness O God, fill our religious and secular leaders with hearts that beat for justice, peace, and provisions for all. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

When our cups seem empty O God, fill them with your love so that our acts of service to the world overflow and benefit others. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

When our ears hear the voice of you our shepherd O God, give us confidence to follow you and seek the springs of the water of life. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

When our world is full of war, turmoil and conflict O God, make us take note, inspire the people and leaders of India and Pakistan, Israel and Palestine, Russia and Ukraine, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, Syria, Somalia, and Myanmar to beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

When our bodies are ill and our minds are full of turmoil O God, send us the peace of your presence and give us the gift of your healing. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

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When our family, friends, fellow congregants, and neighbors are ill, in need or distress O God, reassure and comfort them, help them know you are with them. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

When our lives are blessed with your presence, your gifts, and your goodness and mercy O God, remind us to give you thanks for all that we have and all that we are, as we do now either silently or aloud... **(10 seconds of SUSTAINED silence)**... Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

On this Mother's Day, we pray for our mothers, those here on earth and those who have gone before us. We give thanks for all mothers and for all those who have mothered and mentored us. May each of us cultivate ways of mothering others. Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:**

God of comfort and compassion,  
accept the prayers of your sheep.  
Grant that we who have received  
the tender love of our Good Shepherd  
be strengthened by your grace  
to care for your flock.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**