

## **Prayer of the Faithful 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent 16/17 March 2024**

1. We pray for all who desire to see Jesus, that they may come to know and develop a relationship with Christ who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.  
(*Pause for silent prayer*) Lord, hear us.
2. We pray for all who are engaged in negotiations for peace in places of war, that their efforts will bring an end to bloodshed and open the way to a just future.  
(*Pause for silent prayer*) Lord, hear us.
3. We pray for the human family, that World Water Day will raise awareness of the need to protect vital fresh water resources and secure equitable access to them.  
(*Pause for silent prayer*) Lord, hear us.
4. We pray for Australia's indigenous communities, that National Close the Gap Day this week will help reduce the inequality of health outcomes they suffer.  
(*Pause for silent prayer*) Lord, hear us.
5. We pray for those who have come from across the seas, that Thursday's Harmony Day will deepen our appreciation of the diverse cultures that enrich this nation.  
(*Pause for silent prayer*) Lord, hear us.
6. We pray for people suffering in body, mind or spirit and for their families, that they will be aware of God's loving presence through those who care for and pray for them. (*Pause for silent prayer*) Lord, hear us.