

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - A

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Dear friends, charged by Jesus to make disciples of all nations, let us pray for the whole world to hear the good news.

READER

1. For the Church, that communities of faith around the world will be instruments of peace and beacons of hope. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/
2. For all churches in this week of Christian Unity, that their diversity will join together in prayer and testify to their common faith in the glorious mystery of Christ. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/
3. For the peoples most vulnerable to climate change, that Laudato si' Week this year will spur the whole human family to move from hope to action. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/
4. For all who wield influence in the field of social communication, that on this World Communications Day they will heed Pope Leo's call to 'preserve human voices and faces, especially those of our indigenous sisters and brothers. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/
5. For all the sick, the frail and the housebound, that they will draw strength from the prayerful support of the community, especially: Christine & Pat Lane, Tony De Cruz, Albert Leung, Valerie Glenn, Janet Jelleff, Christine Exton, Fr Reece Beltrame, Marilyn & Patrick Kennealy, Marylou Galliot, Lorraine Edwards, Oliver, Agnes McManamon, Ruth Villani, Sr Francis Baum, Julia Foster, Edelzuita Alves and Sean Mullins. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/
6. For those who have died recently, all whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, and our own departed family and friends, especially Florence Quinane, Vilma Aguda, Stephenie Coldwell, Gabrielle White, Bernadette Milesi, Judith Rule, Ellen Ryan, Cecilia Sartori, Paolo Villani, Dragica Antolovich, Anne Scerri, Joan Ginevra and Emilia Petrucci. That they will be raised to Christ whose glory fills the whole of creation. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/

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God of wisdom and Father of glory, you made your Son universal ruler and head of the church. Send us out to proclaim his name. We ask this through Christ our risen Lord. Amen