

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us that He is the vine, we are the branches and without Him we cannot bear fruit. We pray for the grace to remain always close to Him, through prayer and love of neighbour, so that our lives be fruitful and bring glory to the Father who created and loves us.

We pray to the Lord                      R. Lord hear our prayer

In today's Second reading we see how Paul, the merciless and ruthless persecutor of the early Christians, was forgiven and inspired to be a disciple by our Father who has an unlimited love for all of us. With this confidence, we ask the Lord to forgive us our transgressions and give us the grace to be more worthy of His love.

We pray to the Lord                      R. Lord hear our prayer

We pray for all who promote the word and love of the Lord in our Church. We pray that seeds be sown in our community which will bear fruit and bring new shepherds into our Church to tend to God's flock.

We pray to the Lord                      R. Lord hear our prayer

We unite in prayer with Christians of the Eastern Churches who celebrate Easter today and pray that all those who love and follow Christ, East and West, appreciate their richness of diversity and be united in faith and in living the Gospel.

We pray to the Lord                      R. Lord hear our prayer

In this month of May we ask Mary our Mother to pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that the great suffering being experienced by so many throughout the world may end. We pray in particular for the people of India that those nations who have now overcome the pandemic will generously share both medicines and equipment with them without delay.

We pray to the Lord                      R. Lord, hear our prayer

We pray for all those at home, who cannot be present with us in this church today and who are missing the very special experience of breaking bread with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ during the Mass.

We pray to the Lord                      R. Lord, hear our prayer

We bow our heads and remember in silence our own personal intentions and the intentions of those who have asked for our prayers.

We pray to the Lord                      R. Lord, hear our prayer