

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS.

Prayers of Intercession for 22 May 2022: Easter 6

Celebrant: Father, we come to the end of our Easter celebrations in a world torn apart by war, inequality, climate crisis and suffering. We ask that our prayers lead to a renewed effort to address these problems both spiritually through a renewed devotion to Our Lord and temporally through the donation of our time, finances and intellect.

The response is: Hear our prayer

1. For all Church Leaders: We pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Marcus, Father Keiron and all clergy and religious, that guided by the Holy Spirit, they may help us to embody the peace we seek in our own lives, the lives of our loved ones, in our communities and in the world. **Lord, in your mercy . . .**

2. For World Leaders: We pray that the Holy Spirit may open the hearts and minds of leaders of all the nations of the world so that rather than seeking power, they will seek peace, harmony and mutual collaboration. **Lord, in your mercy. . .**

3. For Our Planet: We pray that the faithful will hear and act upon the warning about destructive climate change and will heed the challenge to work toward the healing of our planet expressed so urgently in Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si. **Lord, in your mercy. . .**

4. For Peace in our World: Let us pray for everyone whose homes, livelihoods and communities have been ravaged by conflict. We think especially of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, not forgetting the suffering of all displaced people. **Lord, in your mercy . . .**

5. For Ourselves: Let us pray that we may always remain open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, asking that our homes and lives reflect the love and peace with which we have been graced. **Lord, in your mercy . . .**

6. For all who mourn: We pray for all who have experienced the death of loved ones recently or who are observing the anniversaries of such loss. We pray for the souls of those who have died and for the spiritual comfort of those left behind, comforted in the knowledge that in the resurrection we will be reunited. **Lord in your mercy**

The Silence

We experience a moment of deep stillness as we place our own needs before our Loving
Father

We ask Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, given to the Church to be Mother to us all, to join her prayers with ours as we say: **Hail Mary . . .**

Celebrant: Merciful and loving Father you are always loving and just. May we work, in Your Name, for love and justice, unity and peace in all that we do and say, and in all that we think and pray. Amen