

SUNDAY, 1 JUNE 2014, FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Jesus promises us that when we receive the Holy Spirit we shall be his disciples to the ends of the earth. Let us pray for the grace to respond courageously to his challenge.

Reader

We pray for the gift of spiritual alertness.

May we always be aware of God's presence in our lives and in the lives of others.

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer

We pray for the members of our Catholic family who feel they do not belong here.

May we find ways to show them that the Church is the home of all.

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer

We pray for the gift of compassion and neighbourliness.

May God open our hearts to all who need our help in any way.

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer

We pray for people who work in journalism, television and radio.

May they always work to spread the truth in what they write or say.

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer

We pray for all who are sick, either at home or in hospital.

May God be their strength and grant them health, and bless those who care for them.

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer

We remember those who have died recently, and those who died at this time in years past.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest and peace.

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer

We ask Mary, who heard God's call and willingly answered, to pray for us.

Hail, Mary...

We pause for a moment to pray silently.

Priest

Father in heaven,

Help us to be aware of you at all times and in all things.

Give us the wisdom to know how to share our faith with those we love and those we meet. Strengthen our faith by granting what we ask in hope, through your Son Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen