

**BIDDING PRAYERS FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Priest

Christ is present in the silence of our hearts, in the Word we hear proclaimed to us, and in each other. We are called to communicate the presence of the Lord in our lives. Let us turn to him, sure in the knowledge of Christ who is with us, that it is the Father who inspires and answers our prayers.

Reader

We pray for the Church that in listening to the Word of God we may faithfully learn the message we are called to proclaim . that Jesus reveals the true face of God.

Reader

We pray for our communities of faith. In communicating with one another through words, deeds and silence, we listen to the power of God's presence in our lives, and so lead others to Christ.

Reader

We pray for those who are searching for truth and hope in their lives. May we be prepared to open our hearts to their questions and yearnings, and respond with the life giving words of the Gospel.

Reader

We pray for those called to communicate the Gospel. May they use wisely the technology at their disposal, so that all will hear the Word of God which is faithfully proclaimed.

Reader

We pray for our young people, that in midst of the noise of their lives they may hear the still small voice of calm leading them to the wisdom of God.

Reader

We pray for the gift of discernment: so we know when to act, when to keep silent and when to speak.

Reader

We pray for those who are dying and all those in need of healing. May we show them the love and mercy of God.

Reader

We turn to Our Lady, who silently wondered about her child and allowed God to speak to her in the silence of her being. We ask her prayers as we say,
Hail Maryō ..

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God our Father, we give thanks for hearing our prayers.
May we joyfully give witness and praise to the Risen and Ascended Lord who remains with us in our lives and in our hearts. We make these prayers through Christ our Lord.