

## Intercessions

For what or for whom should we pray?

## Lord's Prayer

## Closing Prayer

Mary, Mother of the Church and our Mother,  
present our prayer of thanksgiving to your Son.  
Beg from Him the graces we need to be faithful disciples  
who follow Him with enthusiasm and joy.  
May our witness to the love of God bear fruit  
in our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts.  
Teach us to be God's joyful witnesses,  
to radiate Christ in all we do,  
so that all people might know, love, and follow your Son  
through this life and into the next. Amen.



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## Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that your Church may always remain that holy people,  
formed as one by the unity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
which manifest to the world  
the Sacrament of your holiness and unity  
and leads it to the perfection of your charity.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, forever and ever. Amen.

## Reading from Sacred Scripture

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (Second Sunday of Easter)

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

Acts 5:12-16

## From *Journeying Together*

In the Family of God, we continually meet and encounter the Event or Person who "gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction" (cf. Benedict XVI, *Deus caritas est*, 1). In the family, we behold the Mystery of Christ present as a face. One learns to confront one's difficulties and to face the realities of life, enlightened by His Presence; there we encounter Christ in the other. In our individual and parish families our companionship coalesces or comes together in a space, in daily living and working together, on a common journey with a common goal: our destiny with God.

## Questions for Reflection and Sharing

What connections or new insights did you gain from the readings?

What words or phrases spoke to you most powerfully in light of the call to form our parish as a beacon of light?

How might the readings influence our planning for the future?