

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5/6 FEBRUARY 2022

Celebrant: Our God is a God of mission, inviting us to reach out to those in need. As our response, we bring before God our prayers of intercession.

1. We pray for Pope Francis and all church leaders: may the Holy Spirit guide them in proclaiming the Good News of God's kingdom. *(pause)* **Lord, hear us.**
2. We pray for the civil leaders of the world, especially in areas of great tension and struggle: may they be blessed in their efforts to achieve reconciliation and peace. *(pause)* **Lord, hear us.**
3. We pray for those who proclaim God's word in both word and action: may they be strengthened by the words of Isaiah as he answered God's call—'Here I am, send me.' *(pause)* **Lord, hear us.**
4. We pray for all the volunteers of our parish, school and broader community: may their humble and faithful response to the needs of others lead them to the reward of Jesus' words: 'Well done, good and faithful servant.' *(pause)* **Lord, hear us.**
5. We pray for those who remain separated from loved ones by the pandemic, especially those in aged care and the dying: that they will soon be reunited. *(pause)* **Lord, hear us.**
6. We pray for the sick and those who care for them especially Peter Cushen, Anna Romeo, Rhonda Cherubin, Rosalind Vincent, Josephina Varghese, Jenna Jenson, Marie Virag, Kath Leyden, Amelie Gutierrez, Dalmiro Bellio, Lamberto Cruz, Pasquale Buonomo and Sofia Ruggiero. *(pause)* **Lord hear us.**
7. We pray for those who have died recently Monica Wickerson, Karen Hardy, Don Di Fabrizio and Verio Vido, and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Pasqualina Frattasio, Sotero Santiago, Alissandrina Vescio and Thomas & Eileen Scanlon. May the God of Mercy fulfil the promise of their baptism by welcoming them into eternal life. *(pause)* **Lord hear us.**

**Celebrant: God of love,
stretch out your hand in mercy
to all who have placed their trust in your Word,
our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.**