FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 14/15 MAY 2022

Celebrant: Dear friends, Jesus calls on his disciples to be known by their allembracing love. In response, let us pray with heartfelt love for all in need.

- We pray for Christian communities around the world: that they be vibrant centres of love, care and compassion. [pause] Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.
- We pray for the whole of creation: that the human family will be moved by the Spirit of God to make all things new. [pause] Lord hear us.
- We pray for the people of every war-torn, divided and afflicted nation: that their hopes for relief and peace will be soon fulfilled.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

We pray for all voters in this week's federal election: that they will consider carefully how best to vote for the common good.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

- We pray for our country. As we celebrate this week the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, the Patron Saint of Australia: may we all commit ourselves to this Great Southern Land of the Holy Spirit. [pause] Lord hear us.
- We pray for the sick among us and for all who have asked for our prayers especially: Ray McMahon, Oscar Ferrante, Anna Romeo, Rosalind Vincent, Josephina Varghese, Marie Virag, Kath Leyden, Dalmiro Bellio, Lamberto Cruz, Pasquale Buonomo and Sofia Ruggiero.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

We pray for those who have died recently, especially Amelie Gutierrez, Adrian Malarbi, Sarojini Vijri, Pietro Della Chiesa and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially, Michelina Barravechio, Jack Hardy, Daniel Dowling, Kathleen Raleigh, Mary Vassallo and Leo Cahill. May their faith be rewarded now in the fullness of Christ's new creation.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

Celebrant:

God-ever-with-us,
you make all things new.
By the power of your Spirit,
strengthen our desire to bring a new world to birth.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.