

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
The Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 2, 2021

Intercessor: *Lori Colbeck*

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, **Hear us, Lord of Life.**

O Risen Saviour, fill us with the joy of your holy and life-giving resurrection. We pray that the Easter message will reach all who believe and open the hearts and minds of those who are questioning.

Hear us, Lord of Life.

We pray to you O Lord, for the priests, ministers, and pastors everywhere, as they continue to find new ways to bring the good news of the Gospel to all who have eyes to see and ears to hear.

Hear us, Lord of Life.

Grant us humility, O Lord, to be subject to one another in Christian love. We pray for those who fail to follow federal, provincial, and local health unit guidelines, that their minds and hearts be opened to the science, and that working together for the welfare of all, we can defeat this virus. We pray for the people of India and Brazil as they are overwhelmed with people felled by this virus, and for those who are dying from a lack of life saving oxygen.

Hear us, Lord of Life.

Following your example O Lord, give us compassion to provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter. We pray for those without family, for those on the streets, those who are damaged by drugs, alcohol, or their own minds, the widow, the orphan, and the prisoner.

Hear us, Lord of Life.

O Lord, let your love and gentle mercy be with all who are struggling to work from home, for those who have lost their employment, and for those who learn and those who teach online.

Hear us, Lord of Life.

O Risen Lord, reveal the light of your presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they be comforted and strengthened. We pray for: ***Marlin, Marilyn, Angela, Rob, Peter, Nikki, Ilene, Judy, Marion, Abby, Maggie D., Jack, Scott, Harold, Ulrika, Debbie, Marilyn, Lisa, Mary, Alexia, Judy & Erin, Judy, David, Ed, Laurie, and Lisa.***

Hear us, Lord of Life.

Always remembering the needs of friends and loved ones, we pray for the people and clergy of our parish family at St. James. We ask your blessing for those celebrating birthdays this week: ***Nicole Ebel, Sandra Egli, Robert Garland, Kyana Egli, David Pawson, and Britt Jessop;*** and, for those celebrating a wedding anniversary: ***David Van Schaik & Cathy DeBrabandere, Ron & Joyce Rogers.***

Hear us, Lord of Life.

Holy and gracious God, send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon your people, that we may bear faithful witness to your son's resurrection. We pray for all the saints departed, ***remembering especially Eileen and Bill Ashton, in whose loving memory the flowers on the Altar today, have been given to the Glory of God.*** May they rest in peace and rise in glory. May light perpetual shine upon them

Hear us, Lord of Life.

Amen.