

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

4th Sunday of Easter

- PRIEST: Called together in the Holy Spirit,
we are God's people, the sheep of his flock.
With great confidence we bring our prayers before him:
- READER: **For Francis our Pope, Declan our Bishop and all the pastors of the Church,
that they may listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd
and lead his people in the ways of eternal life.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For the community of nations,
that the shadows of violence, greed and compassion
may be burned away by the light of justice, peace and compassion**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For all those searching for their vocation in life,
that the Holy Spirit may give them the courage and generosity
to follow where Christ is leading them.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For all who feel distant from the love of the Father,
that they may be gathered into the loving embrace of God,
through the ministry of the Church and the power of the gospel.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For all who have died, that they may rest secure in the embrace
of the shepherd, who never allows anyone to be stolen from his care.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- PRIEST: Almighty and ever-loving God,
you have made us your children, confident to call you Father.
Increase your spirit of love within us
and bring us to our promised inheritance.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.