PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL **5th Sunday of Easter**

PRIEST: God is love and commands us to live in that same love.
Let us turn to him and pray for the strength to live as the Lord teaches:

READER: **For Leo our Pope, that he will be blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and so lead the Church in the ways of the Lord.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the Church, that it may truly be a sign of salvation pointing towards Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our world, especially for all those who live in poverty, that we may share more justly the many resources God has given us.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the suffering Church across the world, especially for the communities in the Middle East, that they may be enabled to live in peace.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our own community, that each of us will reflect the love of Christ by the way we live our lives.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are sick or housebound, and for those who are bereaved, that they will be strengthened by the knowledge of Christ's love for them.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God our Father,
you have revealed your love for us
in the death and Resurrection of Jesus your Son.
Increase our love for one another
that we may be your disciples in name and in truth.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.