

**Prayer of the Church**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter (Jubilate)**  
**30 April 2023**

Gracious God, Your mercies are new every morning. Continually provide us with all we need to support this body and life, and grant that we receive Your gifts with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, grant us the gift of true teachers and servants of the Word who truly fulfill Your command and preach nothing contrary to Your Holy Word. Send forth laborers into Your harvest. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, bless our homes. Preserve all married couples in love and faithfulness; strengthen parents for their task as teachers of the faith; uphold the unmarried honorable and unashamed in their station; and with good deeds in every home, let the ignorance of foolish people be put to silence by Your divine institution. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord of lords, You sustain every rule, authority and power as You see fit until this world's powers pass away. Bless all whom You place in civil authority, that they would not provoke Your wrath but maintain order and justice for the peace of Your people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, on the day when this little while ends, we will ask nothing. Now, in every need, we are bold to ask everything in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our mediator. Hear our supplications and intercessions for every need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You have shown us a generous heart and taught us it is more blessed to give than to receive. Accept our gratitude for Your mercies and tender care in time of need. Receive now the gifts of our hands with our voices raised in thanksgiving and praise. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give joy in the midst of sorrow here at the Sacrament of the Altar. Grant us repentance, a firm faith and a united confession, that we may have honest fellowship in the blessings of Christ's testament. With consciences thus cleansed from evil and renewed in You, enable us to stand undaunted until the day of visitation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, of Your fatherly goodness You allow Your children to come under Your chastening rod to conform us to Your only begotten Son here in suffering on earth and hereafter in glory. Comfort us by Your Holy Spirit in all temptations and afflictions, that we would not despair, but trust continually in Your Son's promise that our trials will endure but a little while and then be followed by eternal joy. Grant that we would overcome all evil in patient hope and at last obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**