

BIDDING PRAYERS: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- Priest:** Jesus prayed that we would all be one; let us now unite ourselves in prayer by presenting our common petitions to the Father.
- Reader:** For Pope Francis and all the leaders of the Church; may they be granted the grace and strength they need to be faithful and inspiring servants of the Lord in their challenging ministry.
Lord hear usLord graciously hear us
- Reader:** For persecuted Christians; we remember especially those who give their lives for Christ; may their blood be the seeds of Faith in our world, standing strong against hatred and evil.
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- Reader:** For our government and all those who are elected to serve our communities; may they pay heed to Our Lord's invocation to unity and seek ways to serve the common good.
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- Reader:** For those who suffer from anxiety, depression or other unseen illnesses; may the Holy Spirit come upon them bringing healing and renewal so that they can experience wellness in mind and spirit.
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- Reader:** For our Parish; may we join fervently with the disciples in this time of prayer so that we may be renewed with the fire of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost, becoming truly missionary and intentional disciples of the Lord.
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- Reader:** Let us remember especially today those for whom this Mass is offered. And also, all those who have died recently, especially Denis Gallagher; may they all rest in peace and rise in glory.
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- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). In this month of Mary, we invite Our Blessed Mother, to join with us in our prayers: **Hail Mary ...**
- Priest:** Heavenly Father, your Son invoked your name in prayer while here on earth among us, we now follow his pattern and offer you these prayers. We ask that you hear and grant them, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.