**Universal Prayer**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

**Mass to Mark the Inauguration of**

**Pope Lero XIV to the Petrine Ministry**

**18th May 2025**

Celebrant Sisters and Brothers,

 we rejoice with the Universal Church on this

day of the Inauguration of Pope Leo XIV

to the Petrine Ministry

1. We pray for Pope Leo XIV

chosen by God to confirm us all in faith:

that he may strengthen our hope in Christ’s promises

and to lead Christians along the path of unity.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for the Universal Church,

united around Pope Leo,

successor of Peter the Apostle:

that as the pilgrim people of God,

we may live the commandment to *love one another*.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray with thanksgiving for Pope Leo

who takes on the mantle of the *servant of the servants of God:*

that with humility he will reveal to us

the tenderness of the Heart of Jesus.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for our world, wounded by the sin of war and violence,

of indifference and contempt:

that a new hope, generated by faith,

will bring healing to broken lives

and the balm of the Holy Spirit to all.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for all who seek salvation:

that faith will be a sure path,

hope a steady light,

and charity the bond of community.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for those who have died through war, hunger and poverty

that they will enter into the glory of God.

We remember..

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: Father, you constantly watch over your Church

 and your creation;

 make us joyful in the election of Pope Leo,

confirm our unity,

and help us to be sincere in all we do.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Monday 19th May 2025**

**5th Week of Easter**

Celebrant: Jesus invited us to keep his word out of love for him

who loved us even unto death, and who loves us for eternity.

1. May we all love the commandments of Christ

and live them in the spirit of faith and trust.

Christ, hear us.

1. May our praise of people never distract us from God,

the source of all that is good and noble and holy.

Christ, hear us.

1. May the commitment of Paul and Barnabas to proclaiming Christ

be with all who today are insulted and threatened because they too

give witness to Jesus.

Christ, hear us.

1. May there be healing for those who suffered in recent natural disasters around the world.

Christ, hear us.

1. May every effort be made to secure ceasefires between Palestine and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, India and Pakistan, so that human suffering is brought to an end.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Heavenly God,

 bless our world with that peace which comes from

 the Heart of the risen Christ,

 who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 20th May 2025**

**5th Week of Easter**

**St Bernadine of Siena**

Celebrant: My friends, Christ’s blessing peace

is desperately needed all over our world.

1. That as Pope Leo, who lived as a missionary, goes to the

Basilica of St Paul outside the Walls to honour that great missionary,

he may give new energy to the missionary spirit of the Church.

Christ, hear us.

1. That young Catholics, inspired by the life of Pope Leo, will embrace

a missionary spirit in their witness to Jesus and his Gospel.

Christ, hear us.

1. That those whose hearts are troubled or afraid

may come to know that lasting peace

which is the gift of the risen Jesus.

Christ, hear us..

1. That like Jesus Christ,

we may all do exactly what the Father wants.

Christ, hear us.

1. That young people will imitate St Bernadine of Siena, who from the age of 20 devoted himself to the care of the sick, to prayer and devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus.

Christ, hear us.

1. That hostages held by Hamas, Palestinians held without charge in Israel, Ukrainian children held by Russia, and prisoners of war, have their freedoms restored.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God, we will sing your praises

for you have sent your Son among us,

the Living Word, who leads us in truth

now and for ever.

#### **Universal Prayer**

#### **Wednesday 21st May 2025**

**St Christopher Magallanes and Companions**

**Wednesday Fifth Week of Easter**

Celebrant: Jesus draws us to himself like branches to the vine

 in order that we might share his life.

1. May Pope Leo experience peace and tranquility as he settles into his ministry as successor of St Peter, Bishop of Rome and Universal Pastor.

Christ, hear us.

1. May every Christian, grafted onto Christ the true Vine, grow in his

life, so that each one may show justice and mercy to other people.

Christ, hear us.

1. May difficulties in the Church be resolved through respectful

dialogue after the example of the apostles long ago.

Christ, hear us.

 4 May St Christopher Magallanes and Companions, martyrs of Mexico in

the 1920s, intercede for all Christians who today live under repressive governments, unable to have freedom of religion.

Christ, hear us.

5 May the members of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, founded by St Eugene de Mazenod, and the Society of St Eugene de Mazenod, both Orders serving in the Archdiocese, enrich us with their missionary spirit.

 Christ, hear us.

6 May every effort be made to secure humanitarian aid for those suffering

 deprivation and hunger in Gaza and the Occupied West Bank, in Ukraine,

 Sudan, South Sudan, Myanmar and Bangladesh.

 Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Almighty God, grant our prayers,

 and grant our world

 that peace which can only come from you.

 through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 22nd May 2025**

**St Rita of Casia**

**5th Week of Easter.**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

Jesus teaches us the true meaning of love.

1. We pray for Pope Leo, that in this Holy Year of Hope,

he will walk with all of us, pilgrims together.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray for a spirit of joy among Christians

so that they can be living signs of hope

in a broken and fragile world.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray for those in authority in the Church,

that they may lead in the spirit of the Apostles,

and not burden those who seek God, unnecessarily.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray for a spirit of on-going charitable dialogue in the Church,

so that the artificial labels of conservative and progressive

are put to rest once and for all.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray for all burdened by war across the globe, those living under oppression and poverty, and those who are on the brink of despair.

Christ, hear us.

1. We pray for those placed under the patronage of St Rita of Casia:

parents, those in desperate situations, those disappointed with infertility,

that they may receive the help they need.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord our God, we raise our voices to you in praise,

we bless your holy name, and we tell your glory to the nations. Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Friday 23rd May 2025**

**5th Week of Easter**

Celebrant: Jesus entrusts to us that commandment

 he gave to the Church at the first Eucharist:

  *love one another as I have loved you.*

1. May Pope Leo lead all Catholics along the path of Love

and show us how to accept each other without judgement.

Christ, hear us.

1. May there be a good spirit among all Christians, so that they can give an authentic witness to Christ’s commandment of love.

Christ, hear us.

1. May those who are frightened of God come to know that, through Jesus,

all people have been called into friendship with God.

Christ, hear us.

1. May God hear the cries of the people trapped in refugee camps, victims of war and oppression, and relieve them of their present sufferings and danger.

Christ, hear us.

1. May all who feel alone in life, forgotten by God, friendless and fearful,

be lifted up by us in prayer to the Jesus who called his disciples, friends.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord God, from many nations we praise you

 and we thank you for all your blessings

 given through Jesus Christ your Son.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Saturday 24th May 20*25***

**Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians**

**Patroness of Australia**

Celebrant: My friends, we rejoice in Mary, patroness of this nation,

and we pray through her Son Jesus, for the welfare of Australia and all her people.

1. That the Church in Australia may give witness to Jesus and the hope which he brings under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, supported by the prayer of Mary, Help of Christians.

Christ, hear us.

1. That Mary, Help of Christians and Mother of the Church,

will show us, by her faith and charity, how to resist evil and to live for her Son, Jesus.

Christ, hear us.

1. That Mary, as the Help of Christians, on this anniversary of the founding of the World Council of Churches, will teach us to be respectful of all people, working for harmony between Churches, Ecclesial Communities and other Faiths.

Christ, hear us

4. That the Australian nation, with good leadership in our Federal and State Parliaments and Local Councils, she may be committed to peace and justice, with a strong concern for the poor and needy.

Christ, hear us.

5 That the parish of Morphet Vale, and the communities of Lower North Adelaide and Medindie, may rejoice as they celebrate their heavenly patron, Mary, Help of Christians.

 Christ, hear us.

6 That Pope Leo will lead the Church in a day of prayer for the Church of

China so that Chinese Catholics can live in tranquility, giving humble witness to Jesus with hopeful courage.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God, we your servants praise you, and ask your blessing upon our nation so that out of our diversity you may unite us

with integrity and right living. Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Saturday 24th May 2025**

**(Our Lady, Help of Christians – Day of Prayer for China)**

**5th Week of Easter**

**Outside of Australia**

Celebrant: Dear friends, we have been chosen in Christ,

and we rejoice that we are his people.

1. That Pope Leo will lead the Church in a day of Prayer for the Christians of China, that they may know the protection of Mary, Help of Christians.

Christ, hear us.

1. That those who are being persecuted for their faith

especially in India, Pakistan, Nigeria, Egypt, Libya, Iraq, Syria, Iran, China, North Korea and Vietnam, may be strong in faith and alive in charity.

Christ, Hear us.

1. That voices of parishes in country areas struggling with a lack of priests and opportunities for the Eucharist and the Sacraments, will be heard by the wider Church in the spirit that St Paul heard the cry of the people in Macedonia.

Christ, hear us.

1. That the violence and desperation felt across Palestine and Israel, the war in Ukraine and Russia, the tension between India and Pakistan, the chaos in Sudan and South Sudan will all be healed by the God of Peace and Justice.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Father,

 we want to serve you with gladness

 so that in our hearts there is joy and peace

 which are blessings from your Son, Jesus Christ,

 who is Lord for ever and ever.