**The Universal Prayer**

**for the day of or day after the election of**

**the Bishop of Rome.**

Celebrant Sisters and brothers

 it is with great joy that we gather for this Eucharist

 celebrating God’s gift of a new Bishop of Rome

 and Universal Pastor.

1. We pray for Pope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

whom God has chosen to be a shepherd

of the people of God,

that he may receive an abundance of the Holy Spirit

and confirm the faith and hope of us all.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for the Church in every place,

that in the unity brought about by the Holy Spirit,

we may all be confirmed in our faith

and abound in charity.

Christ hear us.

1. We pray for the Cardinals who, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, have given us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be our Pope,

that God will bless them with inner peace, being joyful in their

continuing ministry.

 Christ hear us.

1. We pray for all who seek Faith, those in need of Hope,

and all desiring to live in Charity,

that the risen Jesus, present in his word and sacrament

and in the community of the Church, will reveal himself

to them.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Father receive our prayers along with the joy of your people

 so that united under the care of Pope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 we may all advance in holiness and peace.

 Christ, hear us.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**4th May 2025**

Celebrant: My sisters and brothers,

part of our Gospel today was proclaimed

that the Funeral Mass of Pope Francis.

The call to follow Jesus into unknown ways

is appropriate as we move toward the election of a new Bishop of Rome.

1. We pray with the whole Church for Pope Francis, as this Sunday marks the Ninth Day of Prayer following his burial, that the Risen Jesus will embrace him with love and mercy.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for the Cardinals who will enter the Conclave on next Wednesday to elect a new bishop of Rome, that the Holy Spirit will guide them.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us**

1. We pray for the Church in every land, that true to the legacy of Pope Francis, all will work for peace and justice, care of the poor

and protect our common home.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

 **Australia only**

1. We pray for the Prime Minister and all elected to the Federal Parliament (yesterday), (today) that with the assistance of Divine Wisdom they will devote themselves to the common good of all who live here.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray on this Jubilee for the World of Business being held today in Rome, that all will work with justice, caring for the needy, and building up a spirit of fraternity.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

1. We pray for peace in the Holy Land where the Risen Jesus revealed himself to the disciples, that he will bless it, along with Ukraine and Myanmar, with a lasting peace.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

7 We pray for all the departed along with Archbishop Leonard Faulkner, whose 7th anniversary of death occurs on Monday,

 and also all who died in the Vietnam War which concluded 50 years ago last Thursday and World War II which concluded 80 years ago in Europe that peace in Christ will be theirs.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father,

 you restore to eternal life

 those who have fallen into the sleep of death;

 give to them the joy which comes with the

 dawning of the new Jerusalem.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Monday 5th May 2025**

**Monday of the Third Week of Easter**

Celebrant: As the people followed Jesus after the feeding of the multitude, so may we continue to follow him after we are fed on his word and sacrament.

1. May the preparations for the Conclave take place in a spirit

of calm and harmony.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us**

1. May the Cardinals soon to enter into the Conclave

feel the support of the prayers of the whole Church.

Christ, hear us.

1. May we follow the task of working for God, as Jesus teaches us: *you must believe in the one God has sent.*

Christ, hear us.

1. May each one of us appreciate the gift of the Eucharist

in which we share the Bread of Life: Jesus himself.

Christ, hear us.

1. May those who are interrogated because of their faith

remain steadfast like St Stephen,

Christ, hear us.

1. May we hold in our memory the dedicated leadership and service of Archbishop Leonard Faulkner, who died 7 years ago today, praying that he will behold the glory of God forever.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Heavenly God, as we walk the way of your Son,

 you bless us in many ways, and so we pray that we will be faithful to him who loves and reigns forever and ever. Amen

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 6th May 2025**

**Tuesday Third Week of Easter**

Celebrant: My friends, the martyrdom of Stephen inspires us to live and die in the Lord, always faithful to the way of Jesus.

1. That a spirit of respect and charity will be God’s blessing

upon the Cardinals and all those entrusted to the task of preparing

everything for it.

Christ, hear us.

1. That those who have died for their Christian faith this year in many places may be received by Jesus, who entrusted his own spirit into the Father’s hands.

Christ, hear us.

1. That when we are questioned about our faith, we like Stephen, may be filled with the Holy Spirit,

Christ, hear us.

1. That those who search for new signs of God’s love and presence

may come to see in the Eucharist the source and summit of the Christian life.

Christ, hear us.

1. That a cease fire will come between Israel and Palestine,

between Russian and Ukraine so that peace is given a chance.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God, may the whole world come to know the saving love and Good News of Jesus Christ,

who is Lord, for ever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Wednesday 7th May 2025**

**Third Week of Easter**

Celebrant: Today the Church is united in prayer for the Cardinals

 Who will enter the Conclave to elect a new successor of St Peter.

1. May the Cardinals entering the Conclave today

be calm, prayerful, and sincere.

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us**

1. May we all place our hope in the Holy Spirit

who will be with the cardinals in Conclave.

Christ, hear us.

1. May those who are persecuted for their Christian faith

be constantly inspired by the first Christians.

Christ, hear us.

1. May those who are mourning someone they love

do so with hope in Jesus’ promise of eternal life.

Christ, hear us.

1. May those who work for the destruction of the Church

in our own time be touched by the grace of the Risen Jesus

and be converted to religious tolerance.

Christ, hear us.

1. May peace be God’s Easter gift to every place suffering

from war and violence, poverty and famine.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Father, let the whole of creation rejoice

in the Easter life of your Son,

so that his Spirit renews the face of the earth.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 8th May 2025**

**Thursday Third week of Easter**

Celebrant: My friends, the baptism of the Ethiopian was a moment of great grace for the Church, for Christ’s command to ‘go into the whole world’ was being realised.

 1. That the Cardinals may hold together a spirit of prayer as they

 take part in the Conclave, seeking the Wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Christ, hear us.

 2. That the Good News of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection

may be proclaimed to the ends of the earth.

Christ, hear us.

 3. That the Church in Ethiopia may find in the baptism of their fellow citizen by Philip the deacon, a source of blessing as they celebrate the joy of Easter.

Christ, hear us.

4 That today’s World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day will strengthen

 their work to alleviate suffering in the Holy Land, Ukraine and

 where natural disasters have caused havoc.

Christ, hear us.

1. That the Father, through his Son Jesus, will draw people together

in faith, strengthen their hope and make more generous their love.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God, may the whole world come to know the saving love and Good News of Jesus Christ,

who is Lord, for ever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Friday 9th May 2025**

**Friday Third Week of Easter**

Celebrant: Paul’s conversion from being a murderous persecutor of Christians, to becoming Christ’s apostle to the Gentiles is a dramatic sign that God never abandons anyone.

**If the Conclave is taking place**

1. That the Cardinals may be united in a spirit of prayer as they

 Continue to take part in the Conclave, relying on the Wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

Christ, hear us

 **If a new pope has been elected.**

1. That Pope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

whom God has chosen to be a shepherd

of the people of God,

may receive an abundance of the Holy Spirit

and confirm the faith and hope of us all.

Christ, hear us.

2. May parents who worry about the apparent lack of faith in their children not lose heart, but see in St Paul’s conversion every reason to still believe in Christ’s grace. Christ, hear us.

 3. May there be in the Church kindly people like Ananias, who did not pass judgment on St Paul, but received him as a brother and led him to a deeper relationship with Jesus. Christ, hear us.

 4. May we remember with gratitude the life and ministry of

Adelaide’s second bishop, Patrick Bonaventure Geoghegen, who died on this day in 1864.

Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Heavenly God, may the message of Christ go out to the whole world so that everyone can know how strong is your love for them.

 Through Christ our Lord

**The Universal Prayer**

**Saturday 10th May 2025**

**St John of Avila**

**Saturday Third Week of Easter**

Celebrant: Many of Jesus’ admirers found his teaching on himself as the Bread of Life too difficult to accept and so they left him. We pray for those who struggle today to keep faith in the Eucharist.

**If the Conclave is taking place**

1. That the Cardinals may be united in a spirit of prayer as they

 take part in the Conclave, relying on the Wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

Christ, hear us

**If a new pope has been elected.**

1. That Pope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

whom God has chosen to be a shepherd of the people of God,

may receive an abundance of the Holy Spirit

and confirm the faith and hope of us all.

Christ, hear us.

1. That those who love the Eucharist may help those who do not believe. Christ, hear us.
2. That our parishioners who have lost touch with this Eucharistic community may have the opportunity to once again experience the wonderful gift Christ offers to us every day. Christ, hear us
3. That those who attend to our church linen and vestments – making, repairing, cleaning, washing – may do so with the love of Tabitha,

who in her sewing, lived a life of charity, always doing good for others. Christ, hear us.

1. That St John of Avila, who was a spiritual director to many Saints of the 16th century, intercede for those who carry the responsibly of guiding others in their spiritual life today. Christ, hear us.

Celebrant: Father and King,

through the power of the Sprit,

help us to serve you in holiness and justice.

Through Christ our Lord.