



15 May 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



INTRODUCTION:

Dear friends, in this season of Easter, Christ puts a fresh heart in us, so that we may spread his Kingdom. He gives us his new commandment of love and encourages us with the promise of the new Jerusalem.

READINGS:

First Reading: Acts 14:21b-27
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13b
Second Reading: Rev 21:1-5a
Gospel: Jn 13: 31-33a, 34-35

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: Loving God and our neighbour, let us now place before the Lord, all our aspirations and petitions:

R/- Lord hear our prayer.

1. We pray for Pope Francis, bishops, clergy and religious, that following the most important teaching of Jesus on love, their love may become the motivation for others to follow him. We pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for all our families that they may be Centre's of love, forgiveness and understanding based on Gospel values. We pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for those in government offices and leaders, that following the example of Jesus, they may strive to serve the people of the nation. We pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for those who suffer exploitation and violence, that freed from their miseries by the power of the Risen Lord, they in turn may work for the liberation of those who suffer. We pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for all of us gathered here, that touched by the love of the Lord, we may be able to transform our weakness into strength and our failures into success. R/-

Celebrant: God our loving Father, we thank you for sending us Jesus your Son, as an embodiment of your love and may this love heal us of all hatred, jealousy and enmity. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.