Priest: Jesus recognised the trouble the disciples were having. He answered their need, suggesting they cast their nets yet again, even before they realised who he was. With the same trust as the disciples, we bring our needs to the Lord.

Reader
We pray for the Church: that the Holy Spirit may enable her to bear witness to the transforming power of the risen Christ working in her members, who will be glad to suffer humiliation in Jesus’ name as were the disciples in the first reading. Pause … Lord, in your mercy … hear our prayer.

We pray for all Church leaders: that they find renewed joy in recognising the risen Lord this Easter season and are encouraged in their commitment to “feed my lambs”. Pause … Lord, in your mercy … hear our prayer

We pray for all those who are working to spread the gospel overseas: that they will continue to bring hope to people in need across the world. Pause … Lord, in your mercy … hear our prayer

Let us pray for all those who suffer from the trauma, violence and destruction of war: that God may bring peace, reconciliation and healing to them. Pause … Lord, in your mercy … hear our prayer

Praise God that many people are responding to the Good News of Jesus, in areas where preaching the Gospel is punishable by imprisonment or even death. We pray for our brothers and sisters, and many children, across the world who are suffering because of their faith. Pause … Lord, in your mercy … hear our prayer

We pray that we all find renewed determination to be responsible stewards: that we will make more effort on a daily basis to look after the earth, our common home, ensuring the continued health of our seas and lakes. Pause … Lord, in your mercy … hear our prayer

We pray for all those who are sick, especially those in our parish. In particular, we pray for Fr Victor’s mother. May the sick recognise the healing power of the Risen Christ, and those who care for them know His strength. Pause … Lord, in your mercy … hear our prayer

We now bring our own prayers to the Lord, in the silence of our heart.

PLEASE TAKE A LONG PAUSE

Pause … Lord, in your mercy … hear our prayer

As we begin the month of May, we ask Mary, our Mother to intercede for us: Hail Mary…

Priest Loving Father, we place our trust in you. Hear and grant the prayers we offer today through Christ our Lord. Amen.