

# General Intercessions

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## **Bishop:**

My dear friends: Let us be one in prayer to God our Father as we are one in the faith, hope, and love his Spirit gives.

## **Deacon or minister:**

1. For **us/these** sons and daughters of God, confirmed by the gift of the Spirit, that **we/they** give witness to Christ by lives built on faith and love, let us pray to the Lord: *R. - Lord, hear our prayer.*
2. For **our/their** parents and godparents who led **us/them** in faith, that by word and example they may always encourage **us/them** to follow the way of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord: *R.*
3. For the Holy Church of God, in union with **John Paul II** our Pope, **William E. Lori** our bishop, and all the bishops, that God, who gathers us together by the Holy Spirit, may help us grow in unity of faith and love until his Son returns in glory, let us pray to the Lord: *R.*
4. For all people, of every race and nation, that they may acknowledge the one God as Father, and in the bond of communion seek his kingdom, which is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord: *R.*
5. For vocations to the priesthood and religious life, may the Lord who calls many to work in his vineyard, will provide many new and holy priests and sisters for our Diocese, let us pray to the Lord: *R.*

## **Bishop:**

God our Father, you sent your Holy Spirit upon the apostles, and through them and their successors you give the Spirit to your people. May his work begun at Pentecost continue to grow in the hearts of all who believe.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

These intercessions are required for the Mass, others might be added.