

**Year A RCL** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

*Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45*

In faith, let us pray to the Lord, saying....

Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

Sovereign Lord, we wait for you alone.  
With You there is plenteous redemption.  
With You there is mercy.  
With You there is forgiveness.  
With You alone, God of all, lies all our hopes for wholeness and the redemption of our sins.  
In your everlasting and life-giving Word we find our joy.  
Come now, Living God, and fill up our prayers with your Holy Spirit.

**Silence**

Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

Lord, you uncover all things.  
You know every detail of the plight of the world.  
You see in this moment the darkness of our self-interest, violence, brutality, injustice, hatred and fear.  
Have mercy on the world, Sovereign Lord.  
And shed abroad the light of Your healing love.

I invite you to pray for the world and her leaders, remembering especially...

**Silence**

Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

You, Lord Christ, are the Resurrection and the Life.  
You, Glorious One, Redeemer of the whole world,  
Have given us abundant life.  
We pray for your church throughout the world.  
Help us, Holy Spirit, to turn away from our fleshly thinking,  
And to set our minds on You.  
Make your resurrection power clear  
As You transform us from death to life.

I invite you to pray for the church throughout the world.

### **Silence**

Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

We pray for those who suffer because of sin and human evil.  
We remember the abused, the enslaved, the imprisoned, the orphaned, the  
widowed, the rejected and slandered, and those injured by addictions and despair.  
We pray for the depressed, the lonely and forgotten, for those weighed down by  
anxiety and guilt, the bereft and grieving, and for anyone whose spirit has been  
crushed and deeply wounded.  
We remember the starving, the sick, the refugees, the poor, the homeless, the  
terminally ill, and those crippled by pain and infirmity.  
The groaning of the world is too much for us to bear.  
Come quickly to us, Lord Jesus, you who took on flesh and understand all our pain.

I invite you to pray for the needs of others.

## **Silence**

Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

Merciful Lord, keep us near to you this week.  
Give us a hunger for your Word,  
And help us to make space to listen to you.  
We confess our need for you:  
For your wisdom and guidance,  
For your protection and provision,  
For your help and comfort.  
In every area of our lives we need you, Lord,  
And we ask that you would be our daily portion.

I invite your prayers for the upcoming week..

## **Silence**

Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

Look in the deep places of our beings, and create in us clean hearts.  
Give us a right abhorrence for our own sins.  
Help us to be alert and self-controlled,  
That we may flee the snares of our enemy.  
Show us where we have withheld forgiveness,  
And, because of your great mercy, grant us grace to forgive others.

I invite your prayers for repentance and perseverance.

## **Silence**

Lord in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

We thank you for your church,  
For all who have been given your grace in Christ Jesus.  
We remember now those who have died in the faith, trusting that they are in your  
care.

### **Silence**

Lord in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

Lord, we surrender to you the seemingly dead things, the hopeless looking things  
of our life.

We offer you the deep places in our hearts, the places where we feel cut off, dried  
up, the places where all hope is lost, and all we see is death.

Come, Holy Spirit and breathe life into the barren bones of our hearts,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.