

## Prayer of the Faithful May 2, 2021

**Presider:** In today's second reading, St. John writes, "[W]e have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask." In complete trust, let us bring our needs before the Lord.

- For the church, by remaining on the vine of Jesus may we bear great fruit for the glory of God and the service of all people... we pray,
- For health care workers around the world, especially in places of great distress such as India, may they receive the support necessary to care for the sick and the ailing with skill and compassion... we pray,
- For ex-convicts who have been released from prison, may they find meaningful employment and acceptance in society to support themselves and their families... we pray,
- For the needs of our parish: may we find the resources needed to continue growing as a community of disciples of Jesus... we pray,
- For our parish family, may we give thanks for the fruits God has grown in our lives, and rejoice at daily opportunities to lead others to the same abundant life in Jesus Christ... we pray,
- For the sick, the suffering, and for those who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_ ... we pray,

**Presider:** God of peace, with tenderness and compassion you call us away from sin to the fullness of life in your presence. Hear our prayers that by your grace we might build communities where all will flourish and find welcome. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.