

## **INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)**

### **Day of Justice for Ethnic Diversity**

**PRIEST:** Today we are reminded by the word of God that we have a duty to proclaim the Gospel by our lives and good works, let us proclaim it with joy and give thanks to the Lord for the help he grants in our need.

**READER:** May we be aware of and pray for God's people suffering persecution for their ethnic differences. May we recognise them as our brothers and sisters, part of the one human race. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the displaced, the homeless, the hungry and sick. May we see and come to their aid led by the love of God. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for all young people as they respond to the call of God. May their faith be inspired, strengthened and renewed to be salt of the earth and a light of hope. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for Missionaries. May they be strengthened and encouraged in their love of God and service of the people. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the world's leaders and diplomats. May they work together building a sustainable world of peace, justice and hope for future generations. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for those who risk their lives for the process of peace and justice. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for those oppressed by depression, illness and infirmity. May the health services and carers truly put their patients welfare before the cost. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for those who have recently died... and for all our dead... and for all who mourn that they may be comforted. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

In the silence of our hearts, let us pray for our own families and friends.

Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us. Hail Mary ...

**PRIEST:** God, our heavenly Father,  
we give thanks and praise for the gift of being your people.  
May we be always ready to share the Gospel of Hope with all humanity;  
we ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**