

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**April 26-27, Second Sunday of Easter, Sunday of Divine Mercy**

We give you thanks, Father, for the gift of Francis who faithfully shepherded Your church as a defender of those on the margin, the hungry, the homeless migrants, those disenfranchised by the powerful, victims of war and violence, prisoners, and all Your flock. May Francis rejoice in Your embrace. **Lord of mercy and love, we pray.**

For the Cardinals: As they prepare to gather for the conclave, may they be filled with the Holy Spirit, discerning with humility and openness to God's will. **Lord of mercy and love, we pray.**

In the spirit of Pope Francis, may every nation and individual take up our responsibility to defend the earth, our home, by taking only what we need and safeguarding her air and water and dwindling resources. **Lord of mercy and love, we pray.**

For the growth and vitality of our Church, that through our support of the annual catholic appeal, and all our other charitable efforts, help us to serve people of all ages and backgrounds in every corner of our archdiocese. **Lord of mercy and love, we pray.**

With all the uncertainty and chaos in our world today, may we always remember that Jesus often said – “Do not be afraid.” Help us to trust in you. **Lord of mercy and love, we pray.**

For those of us who, like St. Thomas in today's reading, long to actually put our fingers into the holes in your hands and side: strengthen our belief with your patience, mercy and love. **Lord of mercy and love, we pray.**

May we remember that when we gather together, you are always present in our midst. **Lord of mercy and love, we pray.**

We earnestly pray for all those who are sick. We pray also for all those who have died. May their souls rest in peace. **Lord of mercy and love, we pray.**

We lift up to you the prayers of this community, and those we hold in the silence of our hearts. **Lord of mercy and love, we pray.**