PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL April 5-6, Fifth Sunday of Lent

For our Church that, as Jesus did in today's Gospel reading, may we turn our loved ones in crisis over to the care of our Loving Father and direct our focus to the needs of the people in front of us. **God who loves us, we pray**.

For our nation, that we may generously share our abundance with the poor and hungry of the world. **God who loves us, we pray**.

For those preparing to be received into the Church this Easter, may these days of preparation keep them close to you. **God who loves us, we pray**.

As we take up our collection today for St. Vincent de Paul, we pray for the households served by this collection. May these, our neighbors, find their deepest needs met with kindness, mercy and respect. **God who loves us, we pray**.

May your Spirit dwell within each of us so that we may even more intimately connect with you and your love. **God who loves us, we pray**.

We earnestly pray for all those who are sick including Pope Francis, Jon Schalkle, Gabriela Sanchez, Charlotte Stenson, Liana Scott. **God who loves us, we pray**.

We pray also for all those who have died including Domingo Constantino, Madeliene Sanchez, and Colleen Shanahan, Marlene Young, Roger Hubbard, and Joe Burdett. May their souls rest in peace. **God who loves us, we pray**.

We lift up to you the prayers of this community, and those we hold in the silence of our hearts. **God who loves us, we pray**.