PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL May 10 - 11, Fourth Sunday of Easter

That our newly-elected Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, may be a living sign of the joy of the Gospel, a fearless advocate for the poor, and an artisan of peace in our world. **Jesus, our Shepherd, we pray**.

Help us to heal whatever is broken in our world. Help us to be peacemakers, truth seekers, truth tellers, and reconcilers, remembering that good is more powerful than evil and love more powerful than hate. **Jesus, our Shepherd, we pray**.

As you did for the disciples in the early church light a fire in our hearts, a fire that will fill us with joy. **Jesus, our Shepherd, we pray**.

On this Mother's Day, in gratitude, we pray for your blessings on all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and those who have been like a mother to us in our lives. **Jesus, our Shepherd, we pray**.

May those who are baptized and confirmed in this Easter season, grow ever stronger in their faith and surer of your love. Give us <u>all</u> the grace to hear and follow your voice in all that we do. **Jesus, our Shepherd, 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.

Jesus, our Shepherd, 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. **Jesus, our Shepherd, we pray**.

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