

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL  
ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
World Communications Day  
16 May 2021**

*Priest: With Easter faith and hope as we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, we place our needs before the Lord.*

- 1 We pray for the Church throughout the world:  
May God's people receive and communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ with courage and conviction.  
Lord, hear us**
  
- 2 We pray for Pope Francis and Church leaders:  
May they always be guided by truth, goodness and integrity, empowered by the presence by God in their lives.  
Lord, hear us.**
  
- 3 We pray for all involved in the work of communications and media:  
May their work serve the cause of truth and justice. May our use of social media bring real benefit to all.  
Lord, hear us.**
  
- 4 We pray for all who are in need through poverty and homelessness, through loss of work, for all who are sick or distressed in any way, and those who are affected by the pandemic:  
May they know the healing touch of the Lord.  
Lord, hear us.**
  
- 5 We pray for our young people, especially those facing examinations and making lifetime choices at this time.  
May their decisions be blessed with wisdom and a sense of commitment and service to others.  
Lord, hear us.**
  
- 6 We pray for the faithful departed. We remember the victims of the coronavirus:  
May all our departed brothers and sisters, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Lord, hear us.**

*Priest: Gracious God, we place our needs before you. By the mystery of the Ascension, sustain our hope; by the outpouring of the Spirit, strengthen our faith. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



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