

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:00 AM JULY 9, 2006

### THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS

*With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the Church, for those in need and for all of God's creation:*

Holy Father, You speak to us in ways that assure and challenge. Help us to see that while You send us on new and uncertain paths, You never leave us alone. Gracious God,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy Redeemer, Our Lord and Brother, Jesus Christ, give the nations of the world power to care for those who are weak and voiceless. Raise up leaders who will hear and speak the truth while protecting the enormous bounty of Your creation. Gracious God,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, Comforter, Guide all who are hungry and frightened, those who flee from war, and people who see no signs of hope in their lives. May their lives be emboldened through prophetic ministries of Your Church. Gracious God,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy, Triune, life-giving and faithful God, heal all who are in need and mourn, those who are sick, and all who cry out in desperation, especially *Earle, Jack & Jackie, Ruth, Theda,*

*Alma, Tom, Vernard & Doris, and Donald, as well as Susan, Lauren, Gail,*

*Darlene, Yana, Elsie, Hilda, John, Chad, and Willis.* We beseech Your mercy *also* toward Your Church under persecution throughout the world, toward all who have died a violent or agonizing death this past week, and toward all of our sons and daughters in serving in the Armed Forces of this nation and our allies, especially *Jeremy, Christopher, Michael and Kevin.* Gracious God,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, keep before our eyes the examples of Blessed Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, Saint James the Apostle, Saint Benedict of Nursia and all those Saints and Martyrs who have gone before us, who have revealed Your presence and taught Your Word. Gracious God,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

**Amen.**