

## THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS.

Prayers of Intercession for 8 May 2022: Easter 4

**Celebrant:** Jesus Christ made His apostles into the light of the nations so that His salvation will reach the ends of the earth. His word has passed down to us now and with the help of Christ the Good Shepherd we can play our part in bringing the light of Christ into the world..

**The response is: Lord graciously hear us.**

**1.** We need more Good Shepherds to pass on Christ's message of salvation. Today we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We ask that people, all over the world are inspired to join in the service of Our Lord and His people.

**Lord, hear us . . .**

**2.** We pray for unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they will instead experience overwhelming support by all who surround them. **Lord, hear us . . .**

**3.** We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine as they suffer war and violence. We pray for the babies and children growing up in fear. We pray for help for children with disabilities who have been deserted by their parents and carers and have no comfort in their lives. **Lord, hear us . . .**

**4.** As we rejoice in Christ's resurrection from death we remember those friends and family who have died recently and whose anniversaries occur at this time. We pray for the war dead in Ukraine and we remember those who have died as they seek refuge and asylum on their way to the United Kingdom. **Lord, hear us . . .**

### **The Silence**

In the silence of our hearts, let us pray for the peace of Christ for the peoples of Ukraine and for the whole world.

May is the month of Mary, Our Lord's mother, our mother and the mother of the Church. We join our prayers with those of Our Lady of unfailing help: **Hail Mary . . .**

**Celebrant:** O God of Love, heal our hearts with your peace, and our church and our world with the gifts of your mercy. We ask for this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**