

# The Universal Prayer The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

## **Presider:**

*Today is Good Shepherd Sunday remembering that Jesus is the Shepherd who laid down his life that we might live. And so, celebrating his resurrection from the dead and the ever-present gentleness of his love for us, we gather our prayers for the care of all God's creation.*

## **Reader:**

1. **For the Church, the people of God: that this Easter season may, in hope and joy, once more renew her in the certainty that Jesus is our one hope of salvation.**
2. **For our world: that it may yet come to know him so everyone may become daughters and sons of God, clothed in love.**
3. **For our nation and the 2.5 million children who will be homeless tonight: for the sake of the name of Jesus let us not abandon them.**
4. **For ourselves: may the Great Fifty Days of Easter Season renew us in the faith so that everyone may see in us a community of believers who are witnesses to the Resurrection.**
5. **For everyone living with physical, emotional, or spiritual distress: may our risen Lord, may our Easter prayers warm all those who suffer and bring the gentleness of God's healing presence.**
6. **For all our faithful departed especially John Kelly, Barbara Bush, and\* whom we remember at this Mass. May they rest among the Saints in the halls of heaven.**

**\*Sat. 5:0PM.....Tony Arcuri**

**\*Sun...9:00AM...Onyehialam (own-yee-uh-he-alam)**

**\*Sun...1:00....Michael Onuska**

7. **For the prayers in our parish book of life and for all the hopes, fears and dreams we entrust to God's merciful care.**

## **Presider:**

*God of mercy, you sent your Son to care for your flock. Hear and grant what we ask in the name of Jesus, our Risen Lord.*

***Amen.***