

Prayers of the Faithful

4th Sunday of Easter

Let us pray with the fullest trust to Jesus, our Good Shepherd, for he takes care of the needs of all who follow him. Let us say: **Lord, guide us in right paths.**

- For the shepherds of the Church, that they may take Christ for their model and courageously lead the People of God to the kingdom of justice and love, let us pray: **Lord, guide us in right paths.**
- For all Christians everywhere, that they may become one holy people of God; for those who have lost their faith, that our Christian living may be so credible as to inspire them to return to Christ, let us pray: **Lord, guide us in right paths.**
- For those in tasks of Christian formation, that they themselves may know where they are going and lead those entrusted to them on roads of life and commitment to God and to their brothers and sisters, let us pray: **Lord, guide us in right paths.**
- For the leaders of nations, that they may promote the freedom and dignity of people, and place justice and the quality of life above personal gain and power, let us pray: **Lord, guide us in right paths.**
- For our youth and young adults, that they may have the courage to make themselves totally free for the work of the Lord if he calls them to special tasks in the Church, let us pray: **Lord, guide us in right paths.**

Lord our God, almighty and loving Creator,
You have given us, your people,
a reliable and caring guide
to lead us to you and to one another,
your Son and our Good Shepherd Jesus Christ.
Stir our hearts with the words of the gospel
as the message of good news for us today,
and help us to hear God's voice also
in the silence of our faith,
in the groaning of our miseries,
and in the words of encouragement and joy
of the shepherds of your Church
and of everyone who has a good word for us.
For there too speaks and calls
Our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. **Amen**