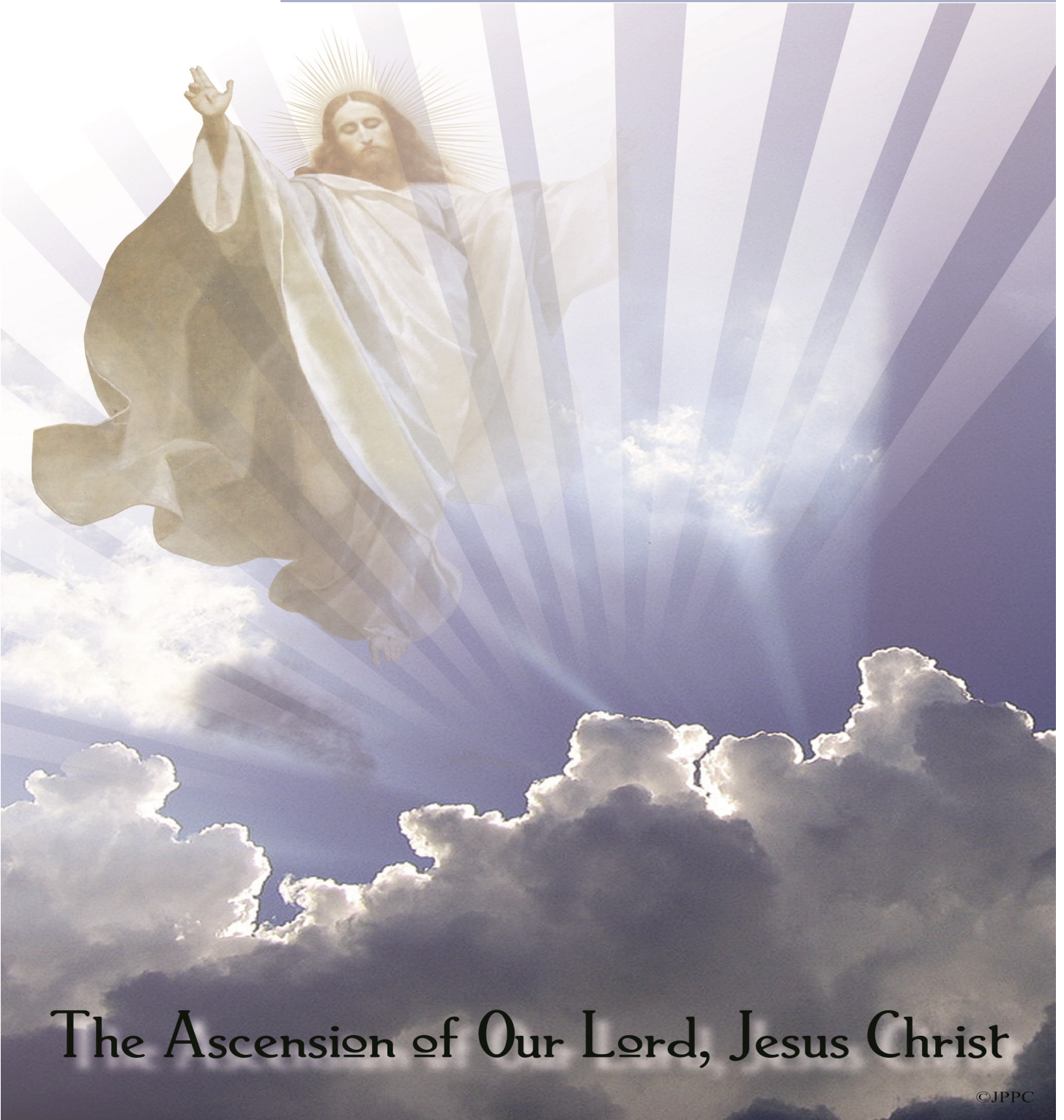




May 24, 2020 | Ascension of the Lord

**THE PARISH OF  
SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL  
CLAYTON & FRANKLINVILLE**



**The Ascension of Our Lord, Jesus Christ**

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# MASS Intentions

**SATURDAY, MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**Fred & Marie DeBellis** by *The Cosenza Family*

**SUNDAY, MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>** **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**Jeff Hoffman** by *Rocky & Susan Costa*  
**People of the Parish**

**MONDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>** **BEDE, GREGORY VII, MARY MAGDALENE DE PAZZI**

*No Parish Intention*

**TUESDAY, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>** **PHILIP NERI**

*No Parish Intention*

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>** **AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY**

*No Parish Intention*

**THURSDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

*No Parish Intention*

**FRIDAY, MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>**

*No Parish Intention*

**SATURDAY, MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>** **VIGIL OF PENTECOST**

**Joe McCloskey** by *The McCloskey Family*

**SUNDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>** **PENTECOST**

**Al Bennett** by *Joe & Kim Darminio*  
**People of the Parish**



## SANCTUARY CANDLE

If you've been thinking about having the Sanctuary Candles burn in the memory of your loved one, envelopes are available in the Gathering Spaces of both the Nativity and Saint Catherine of Siena for your intentions and offering of \$10. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions at 856-881-9155.



## OUR MILITARY HERO PRAYER LIST

If you have a family member serving in one of the branches of the military, please send their name, rank, and branch of service to the Parish Office (PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com or 856-881-9155).

*Please keep our brave service people in your prayers, Especially those suffering from the effects of war.*

### US Army

Cpl Austin Arledge, Specialist Bryan Jenkins,  
1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Shane W. McLaughlin, MAJ Eric Miller, &  
CPT Graham Miller

### US Navy

AWR Daniel Carr & EM2 William Little

### US Marine Corps

Gy Sgt Brad Davis, Cpl Nate McAllister, & CPT James V. Tumolo

LT JG Dominic J. Tumolo, US Navy; US Army Medic



Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Rob Christian,  
Margaret Cloak, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek,  
Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Mary Alyce Hagelstein,  
Matt Healy, Ernest Henry, Ginny Hoffman,  
Sherry Jeffries, Lorraine Kreiner, Pauline LoCicero,  
Steven Lord, John Henry Mathiesen, Rosemary McBride,  
Gerry McCloskey, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers,  
Jack Nelson, Joan Nicolosi, Michele Resavage,  
Bob & Barbara Stroh, Kathryn Tanner, Karen J. Viola,  
& Susan Webster



**Remember Those Who Have Sacrificed On Memorial Day**

**NATIVITY:** 2677 Delsea Dr, Franklinville **SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA:** 700 N Delsea Dr, Clayton

**PARISH OFFICE:** 49 W North St, Clayton, NJ 08312-1114 **PHONE:** 856-881-9155 **FAX:** 856-881-9166

**OFFICE HOURS:**

**During the COVID-19 Pandemic, please call or e-mail the Parish Office at PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com.**

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION OR LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY:** *Please contact the Parish Office.*

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** *Welcome!* Please take a look at our website or call to register

***Please visit our website at <https://www.psmaj-nj.com>***



Effective **Tuesday, May 30, 2020** and / or when **COVID-19 Restrictions are eased**, our summer Daily Mass Schedule and Parish Office hours will go into effect and will remain so at least through Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2020. **Mass locations to be determined based upon social distancing restrictions.**

**Daily Mass Schedule**

- Monday – 9:00a
- Tuesday – 9:00a
- Wednesday – 9:00a
- Thursday – 9:00a
- Friday – No Daily Mass
- Saturday – No Daily Mass

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

- Saturday (Vigil for Sunday) – 4:00p
- Sunday – 8:00a
- Sunday – 10:45a

**Parish Office Hours\***

- Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday – 9:00a until 12:00 noon, 1:00p until 4:30p
- Thursday – 10:00a until 12:30p

*\* or by appointment ... please call the Parish Office to schedule*



**THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

*“Keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus, who Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” (Acts 20:35)*

Saint Mother Teresa once said, *“If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.”* You can make a difference in someone’s life right here in our local community by donating any nonperishable food item of your choice to our pantry.

Suggested items include, but are definitely not limited to, **pasta sauce, mac & cheese, ramen noodles, oatmeal, pancake mix, canned chicken, peanut butter and jelly.**

*Many thanks for your continued support and generosity!*

***Something to consider ...***

When we were baptized, we were given a candle that was lit from the Paschal candle ... the Easter Candle ... and we were charged with being a light to the world. How do we carry this light of Christ to others in our world today?

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

*“I am praying for them...”*  
~ Jn 17:9 ~

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of **Stewardship**. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first and best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don’t treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.



***Why Do We Celebrate Memorial Day and Veterans’ Day?***

***Aren’t They the Same Thing? What’s the Difference?***

On both Memorial Day and Veterans Day, it’s customary to spend time remembering and honoring the countless veterans who have served the United States throughout the country’s history. However, there is a distinction between the two holidays:

**Memorial Day** commemorates the men and women who **died** while in the military service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. In other words, the purpose of Memorial Day is to memorialize the veterans who made the **ultimate sacrifice** for their country. We spend time remembering those who lost their lives and could not come home, reflecting on their service and why we have the luxury and freedom that we enjoy today. We might consider how we can support and safeguard their grieving families and loved ones who are left behind. This United States Federal Holiday is traditionally observed on the **last Monday of May**.

**Veterans Day** is the day set aside to thank and honor ALL who served – in wartime or peacetime – regardless of whether they died or survived. Veterans Day is always observed officially on November 11, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls.

**Remember ...** raise the Flag on Memorial Day (and Veteran’s Day) with honor and respect for those who served our country!

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that this finds all of you and your families safe and well! I can't believe we're almost to the end of the Easter Season, today celebrating the Ascension of the Lord, and we're also celebrating the unofficial beginning of summer, as Memorial Day Weekend, is upon us. It seems as if the cooler weather has finally decided to retreat and nicer, warmer days are here. There is also some optimism that some of the restrictions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic will be eased as businesses, restaurants, and churches begin to reopen.

So what's happening with the reopening of the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel and parishes across the Diocese? Well, as I write this, early guidelines tell us that we will be allowed to open at 25% of capacity with social-distancing measures in place. (*And that number / percentage might be revised.*) Parishes need to clearly establish protocols to maintain these new guidelines and we need to submit our plans to the Diocese. We also need to inform all of our parishioners what our plan is during Phase I of the reopening process, so please continue watch your regular mail, your e-mail for a blast if you've signed up to receive them on our website, and our website for our plan. As soon as plans are finalized and we have a reopening date, it will be shared with you.

The Dispensation of the Faithful from the obligation to participate in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days **remains in effect throughout Phase I of reopening**. There will be parishes that still live-stream the Mass. Those who are at high risk for contracting COVID-19 **are asked to stay home**. When home visits are once again permitted, a Priest, a Deacon, or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion may visit with Holy Communion. The elderly and families with young children are encouraged to stay home. If on any given day you have a cough or feel sick, *please do not come to church*. **During Phase I of reopening, bathroom facilities in the church are for emergency use only given as they cannot be cleaned properly between each use. Please use the restroom BEFORE you come to church.**

The weekend Mass schedule cannot be altered by adding additional Masses. We will still be having three (3) Masses, a Saturday night Vigil at 4p, and 8:00a and 10:45a Mass on Sunday. Because of social distancing and the need to keep everyone six (6) feet away from one another at all times, even while in church, the locations of the Masses may need to change. We are still working on mapping out our new seating capacities. Entrances and Exits are to be separate, creating another challenge. People need to wear face masks while in the buildings. Because of limits on the number of people allowed to be in church, once the Mass begins, **the main doors of the church will be locked**. We have had discussions while applying for the Homeland Security grants last year of the need to make the churches safer by locking the doors once Mass began, but never implemented that policy. COVID-19 and the Phase I guidelines for reopening will make that a necessity. Under the reopening guidelines, Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass. So, if you come to church, are a bit late, and find the doors locked, I invite you to return to your cars and wait. When you see people start to leave, you can then come into church to receive Holy Communion. Remember, you need to practice social-distancing and wear a face mask until you are in line to receive.

The Missalettes have been removed from the main church space. We are considering printing a worship aid each week with the Entrance Antiphon, Readings, Responsorial Psalm, and Communion Antiphon. However, each week the bulletin has the readings for the next week has been available on our website (*even during our downtime*). You are invited to read from Scripture and prepare **BEFORE** coming to church. During the Mass, you are invited to just listen. If you have a smart phone app or a publication such as *Magnificat*, *Word Among Us*, or *Give Us This Day*, you are invited to also follow along that way. Under the new guidelines, you can bring your own resources, but you must take them with you when you leave church. Nothing can be left in the pews.

With the new guidelines, during Phase I, there are no Altar Servers, no Entrance, and no Presentation of Gifts. And at least during Phase I, as we adjust to our new normal, there will be no music during Mass. Even if there were music, there can be no choir, as vigorous singing, especially in close proximity to others, may increase the risk of viral spread. We might learn how to do a bit of chanting (singing without accompaniment). And as we continue to learn about changes to these guidelines, and as they are relaxed even further, they will updated on the website: <https://www.psmannj.com>.

May Saint Michael the Archangel defend, guide, protect, and intercede for us always! May you and your families be well and safe on this Ascension day and always! Happy Memorial Day! Thank you to all who served and who gave their lives for our Country!

Fr. Larry

**WHAT DOES THE MODERN CATHOLIC DICTIONARY SAY ABOUT THE ASCENSION?**

By definition, the Ascension is Christ’s going up to heaven forty days after His Resurrection from the dead. All creeds affirm the fact, and the Church teaches that He ascended into heaven in body and soul (Denzinger 286, 344, 422, 429, 462, 709). He ascended into heaven by His own power, as God in divine power and as man in the power of His transfigured soul, which moves His transfigured body, as it will. In regard to the human nature of Christ, one can also say, with the Scriptures, that it was taken up or elevated into heaven by God (Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9, 11).

Rationalism (*a system of thought or attitude of mind which holds that human reason is self-sufficient and doesn’t need the help of divine revelation [God] to know all that is necessary for a person’s well-being*) has denied the doctrine of the Ascension since the earliest times. It tries to explain the Ascension as a borrowing from the Old Testament or from pagan mythology, but in doing so omits the basic differences.

Doctrinally, the Ascension means the final elevation of Christ’s human nature into the condition of divine glory. It is the concluding work of redemption. According to the Church’s common teaching, the souls of the just from the pre-Christian era went with the Savior into the glory of heaven. Christ’s Ascension is the original event and pledge of our own ascension into heaven.

Hardon, John SJ, Modern Catholic Dictionary, Eternal Life, Bardstown, Kentucky, 2004, p 43.

Denzinger, The Sources of Catholic Dogma, Loreto Publications, 2004



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*Prayer for Spiritual Communion*  
BY SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

MY JESUS,

I BELIEVE YOU ARE PRESENT IN THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.

I LOVE YOU ABOVE ALL THINGS AND I DESIRE TO RECEIVE YOU INTO MY SOUL.

SINCE I CANNOT NOW RECEIVE YOU SACRAMENTALLY,

COME AT LEAST SPIRITUALLY INTO MY HEART.

I EMBRACE YOU AS IF YOU WERE ALREADY THERE, AND UNITE MYSELF WHOLLY TO YOU.

NEVER PERMIT ME TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOU.

AMEN.



Covid-19: A Prayer of **Solidarity**

For all who have contracted coronavirus,  
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,  
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,  
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,  
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,  
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.



For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,  
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,  
We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers,  
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace.  
Grant comfort.  
Grant healing.  
Be with us, Lord.

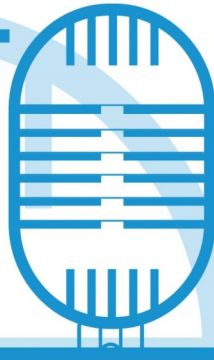
**Amen.**



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How do all of us who share in the common Priesthood of all believers go forth and baptize? How do we carry out that call to be baptized disciples of Christ? Do we respond to others *with tears? ... with blessings? ... with prayer? ... with words of encouragement? ... with words of compassion?* Do we challenge others to carry out their call as Priest, Prophet, and King ... the mission they each received at their Baptism, **as we are all also challenged?**



# TALKING CATHOLIC PRESENTS

Local YouTube shows and audio podcasts with information for all Catholics to help grow their faith and vocation

[Talking.CatholicStarHerald.org](http://Talking.CatholicStarHerald.org)



**Working with Today's Youth**



**How to Become a Priest**



**Become a Missionary Disciple**



**A Perspective for Young Adults**



**When Life Gives You Lemons**



**Temas locales para la Comunidad Hispana**

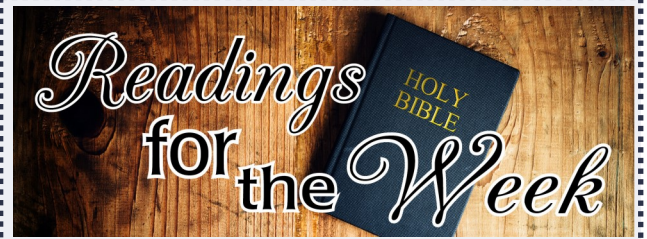


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**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

**Sunday: Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

**Day:** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23




## MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL

WITH BISHOP DENNIS SULLIVAN

**WATCH LIVE**





Join Bishop Dennis Sullivan on Sundays at 10:30 AM as he celebrates Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Camden. The Mass will be celebrated without a congregation.

Mass will be broadcast via

<https://www.facebook.com/DioceseOfCamden/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/camdendiocese>  
<https://twitter.com/camdendiocese>

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## Coronavirus Prayer

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick.  
We pray that the coronavirus that has affected so many in our world can be contained, controlled, and cured.

We lift up to your mercy all those affected, all those working hard to study and cure this illness, and all health care professionals and emergency management teams that are working day and night to keep us safe.

Help us, Lord, to trust in your merciful care.

**Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.**  
Amen.

