

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

BISHOP:

MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, LET US HUMBLY PRAY TO GOD THE ALMIGHTY FATHER AND BE OF ONE MIND IN OUR PRAYER, JUST AS FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY WHICH PROCEED FROM HIS HOLY SPIRIT, ARE ONE.

DEACON:

- 1) For these his servants, whom the gift of the Holy spirit has confirmed: that, planted in faith and grounded in love, they may bear witness to Christ the Lord by their way of life, **let us pray to the Lord.**
- 2) For their parents and sponsors: that by Word and example they may continue to encourage those whom they have sponsored in the faith to follow in the footsteps of Christ, **let us pray to the Lord.**
- 3) For the holy Church of God, together with Francis, our Pope, Daniel our bishop, and all the Bishops: that gathered by the Holy Spirit, the Church may grow and increase in unity of faith and love until the coming of the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**
- 4) For the whole world: that all people, who have one Maker and Father, may acknowledge one another as brothers and sisters, without discrimination of race or nation, and with sincere hearts seek the Kingdom of God, which is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, **let us pray to the Lord**
- 5) For all special intentions we hold in our hearts...(Pause for 5 seconds). **Let us pray to the Lord.**

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O GOD, WHO GAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO YOUR APOSTLES AND WILLED THAT THROUGH THEM AND THEIR SUCCESSORS THE SAME SPIRIT BE HANDED ON TO THE REST OF THE FAITHFUL, LISTEN FAVORBLY TO OUR PRAYER, AND GRANT THAT YOUR DIVINE GRACE, WHICH WAS AT WORK WHEN THE GOSPEL WAS FIRST PROCLAIMED, MAY NOW SPREAD THROUGH THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN YOU. THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN