

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER A

*Let us now demonstrate the hope that fills our hearts by turning to God in prayer, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.*

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all ministers of the gospel, that they may preach the word boldly and without apology.

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all leaders of nations, that they may be unrelenting in their quest for peace.

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all the suffering peoples of this world, especially those who suffer for doing right.

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, those among us who experience desolation, especially those for whom God seems most remote.

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all the sick and the dying [especially N.], that they may find life.

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, the newly baptized, that they may never cease to praise you for the hope that fills their hearts.

*[Here other intercessions may be offered.]*

*Gracious God, it is in the power of your abundant and life-giving Spirit that we call upon you in prayer. Deepen our hope in your presence and your promise; hear us in your tender love, now and forever.*