

Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Prayers of the People

(Adapted from *Intercessions for the Christian People* - Gail Ramshaw, editor)
During Lent the Holy Landers Ministry Network offers these Prayers of the People to pray for all people and especially for the people of our Holy Land served by the ministries of the *American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem* (AFEDJ) and *Jerusalem Peacebuilders* (JPB).

Deacon: In our baptism we have been called to rise from the dead and to live with Christ in the Spirit of God. Bonded to the whole people of God in baptism, let us pray for the church and for all people in their need, saying: Lord, where there is discord, let us sow union.

Intercessor: For the unity of the scattered people of God, open our eyes and our ears to the needs of all your children, especially those in our Holy Land where the human cost of war and political unrest is often forgotten: saying,
Lord, where there is discord, let us sow union.

For all who lead the church, for all churches and today for the Diocese of Jerusalem churches of St. John's and St. Luke's in Haifa and Christ Church in Nazareth and their *AFEDJ* partners; for all the baptized in their Lenten pilgrimage: saying,
Lord, where there is discord, let us sow union.

For those who are preparing for baptismal death and resurrection: let us pray, saying,
Lord, where there is discord, let us sow union.

For the leaders of nations, and for peace throughout the world. We especially pray for *Jerusalem Peacebuilders* and the ways it prepares young Jewish, Christian, and Muslim youth to be in dialogue with one another, exploring the touch issues of peace and social justice, empowering and developing them to be the next generation of leaders: saying,
Lord, where there is discord, let us sow union.

For all who suffer, for all the dying, for those who grieve, for those who have commended themselves to us for any need, [*especially N.*], and for all who live in fear through the Middle East conflicts: saying,
Lord, where there is discord, let us sow union.

For those whose burden is too deep for words. Let us pray for the Christian community and for all people in the land of our Lord Jesus Christ's birth, life, ministry, death, and resurrection: saying,

Lord, where there is discord, let us sow union.

For those who serve in harm's way, seeking freedom and peace, [*especially N.*], that they are protected by your loving care. For *Jerusalem Peacebuilders'* young people who discover they are one family through sharing each other's stories: saying,

Lord, where there is discord, let us sow union.

In thanksgiving for the saints and martyrs, and for all who are heirs of Christ's suffering and glory, [*especially N.*]. Let us remember them in love and let us lift up those who continue to sacrifice their lives throughout the world and in our Holy Land every day: saying,

Lord, where there is discord, let us sow union.

Celebrant: O God, in the waters of baptism you rescue our lives from death and make us your children, no matter what makes us different from one another. Into your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***