

**Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday | Year B**  
April 21, 2024 (Acts 4:8-12 | 1 John 3:1-2 | John 10:11-18)

Peter tells the leaders of the people and elders that every good deed done by the apostles is accomplished in the name of Jesus Christ. Let us ask God to hear our prayers.

1/ It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes or rulers. For peoples around the world. We pray that, together with Pope Francis, pastors, and deacons, they may learn to trust in the mercy of God, and not in the falsehood of worldly people. Let us pray.

2/ In his letter, John reminds early Christians that they have become children of God because God has bestowed his love on them. For those who do evil things in this world, particularly those who wage war. We pray that the Christian practice of agape and charity may inspire them to turn away from evil doings. Let us pray.

3/ Jesus alone is the good shepherd who laid down his life for his friends. Christians are to emulate the unselfish love of Jesus. For those who are selfish and have no regards for others. We pray that they may learn the meaning of Jesus's sacrifice for others. Let us pray.

4/ The reason that God the Father loves Jesus is because Jesus was willing to lay down his life for his friends. For our sisters and brothers who believed in Jesus's love for them, but have now departed from us. We pray that God may grant them eternal peace. Today we remember [**at 4:30 PM**] Deceased Members of the Straney and Baysinger Families [**at 10:00 AM Mass**] Herbert D. Schofield, Nick Ford, and Woody and Dorothy Hesler. Let us pray.

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, though your people walk in the valley of darkness, they fear no evil; for they follow in faith the call of the good shepherd whom you have sent for their hope and strength. Hear these our prayers, as we call on the name of Christ our Lord.