

Fifth Sunday of Lent | Year B

March 17, 2024 (Jer 31:31-34 | Heb 5:7-9 | John 12:20-33)

Jeremiah states that the days are coming when God will renew the covenant with his people and place his love within their hearts. Let us ask God to lead us by the hand and hear us.

1/ Let us ask God to create clean hearts in us and blot out our offenses. For God-fearing people whose hearts are divided. We pray that Pope Francis, pastors, and deacons may learn to lead people to God, so they can be saved. Let us pray.

2/ The Hebrew Christians learned that Jesus, while he was in the flesh, offered prayers and petitions to God on their behalf. Christians today ought to learn to offer prayers to God on behalf of all peoples. We pray that everyone may aspire to give thanks to God. Let us pray.

3/ When Jesus was made perfect, that is, was raised from the dead, his resurrection became the source of eternal salvation for all who believe. For people of different faith traditions. We pray that today's message to the Hebrew Christians may touch their hearts. Let us pray.

4/ The hour is coming for Jesus to go through suffering and death, but the glory is that God will raise him from the dead and all who believe in him. Let us pray in hope for our sisters and brothers who believed in Christ but have now departed from us. We pray that God raise them to eternal life. Today we remember [at 4:30 Mass] Michael Oliveira and Ellen Jones [at 10:00 Mass] Leo Sensel, Raymond and Blondie Brown, Joyce O'Leary, and Ellen Jones. Let us pray.

Father in heaven, the love of your Son led him to accept the suffering of the cross, so that his we might glory in new life. Help us to embrace the world you have given us, so that we may transform the darkness of sin into the joy of Easter. We pray this through Christ our Lord.