

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord | Year B
May 12, 2024 (Acts 1:1-11 | Ephesians 1:17-23 | Mark 16:15-20)

Calling on Theophilus—the one who loves God—Luke reminds him of the baptism that the risen Jesus promised his disciple. That is, baptism with the Holy Spirit. Let us pray to God.

1/ Let all peoples clap their hands and shout to God with cries of gladness, for the Lord God is the great king over all the earth. For all peoples on earth. We pray that, together with Pope Francis, pastors, and deacons, they sing the joys of Jesus's ascension. Let us pray.

2/ Paul prays that the Ephesian Christians may receive the Spirit of wisdom and revelation from the God of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Father of glory. For those who discern the path to Christianity and eternal life. We pray that God's Spirit come upon their hearts. Let us pray.

3/ The works that Christians must do after Jesus's ascension are challenging, but meaningful. They are to go into the world and proclaim the good news of salvation to every creature. For those who have not accepted God through acknowledging the resurrection or receiving the gospel of salvation. We pray that today's Feast of Ascension inspire their hearts. Let us pray.

4/ Jesus promises that those who preach the good news to others will be imbued with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, so as to do miraculous things. For our sisters and brothers who have died in the good news of Jesus. We pray that God who lifted the risen Jesus to high heavens may grant them eternal life. Today we remember [**at 4:30 PM**] Ruth, Rudolph, and Gary Fackler, and families of the Chappell, the Barr, the McCollum, and the Manning [**at 10:00 AM Mass**] Donnie Argabright Szwed, Carol Sue Ammons, Maria Paulus, and Laura Michelle Hewlett. Let us pray.

Father in heaven, our minds were prepared for the coming of your kingdom when you took Christ beyond our sight, so that we might seek him in his glory. May we follow where he has led us and find hope in his return in wonder. We pray this through Christ our Lord.