

Sunday Ascension of the Lord | Year A

May 21, 2023 (Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 | Matt 28:16-20)

The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus speaks of the promise of God the Father, that is, the Holy Spirit will come upon the disciples. While awaiting the Holy Spirit, let us pray to God.

1/ Speaking to the Ephesians, Paul prays that God may give them a Spirit of Wisdom to know his will. For Pope Francis, pastors, and deacons of the flocks. We pray that they may discern God's will by constantly preaching the good news of the Gospel. Let us pray.

2/ With the ascension of Jesus to heaven, God has mounted his throne to shouts of joy. For all countries and peoples who do not believe in the resurrection of Jesus. We pray that the glory of God and the move of the Holy Spirit may influence their hearts. Let us pray.

3/ Even when the disciples saw the risen Jesus on the mountain in Galilee, they doubted. But Jesus consoled and reassured them of his resurrection. For all those who are still seeking the paths to God and Jesus. We pray that the Gospel message may reach them. Let us pray.

4/ Jesus tells the disciples that all power in heaven and on earth has been given to him. This power includes his promise of resurrection of those who believe in him. For our sisters and brothers who were Jesus's disciples, but have now departed from us. We pray that God may give each of them a dwelling place in his heavenly home. Today we remember **[at 4:30 PM]** Ruth, Rudolph, Gary and Donnie Fackler, and Robby Sims; **[at 10:00 AM]** Nick Ford, Woody and Dorothy Hesler, and Robby Sims. Let us pray.

Father in heaven, our minds were prepared for the coming of your kingdom when you took Christ Jesus beyond our sight, so that we might seek him in his glory. May we follow where Jesus has led and find our hope in his resurrection, for he is Lord for ever and ever.