

## Prayers for the 4th Sunday of Easter – May 7, 2017

### PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you identify yourself as the gate for the sheepfold: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you are the protective shepherd whose voice conveys life: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you call us to follow you that we might have life: Lord, have mercy.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Presider** In a world where power speaks with a loud voice, we pray for all whose lives are endangered.

**Lector** For the church: that it may embody an alternate image to unbridled power ... we pray,

- For victims of war and violence, especially refugees, women and children ... we pray,
- For individuals and organizations that offer protection and safe haven to the vulnerable ... we pray,
- For those who belittle or threaten the weak and suffering, especially those who exhibit bullying behavior ... we pray,
- For those afraid to acknowledge their woundedness, and those who cannot find advocates ... we pray,
- For those who take risks to attend to the needs of others, especially in dangerous situations ... we pray,
- For hearts that are open to alternative expressions of power and strength ... we pray,
- For those preparing for first Communion and for their parents and educators ... we pray,
- For those who are sick, dying or vulnerable in any way; and for those who have died ... (*including*) ... we pray,

### Saturday/Sábado, May 6, 2017

5:00 pm † Elisa Ruiz

### Sunday/Domingo, May 7, 2017

8:30 am For the People [Skip intention...Do not read including]

10:30 am † Juan Villagran

12:30 pm † Diana Elizabeth Serrano

**Presider** God who leads, protects and beckons us, we pray for open ears to hear your voice in new and different ways. Help us to resist arrogance and the temptation to reject vulnerability. Show us how to be open to the call of Jesus, the Shepherd, who comes to give us life. We ask this in his holy name. Amen.