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Priest: In peace, let us pray.

Music may continue quietly as the reader leads the prayer....

Reader: That wherever the power of death, deceit, greed, or broken trust

holds people bound—in the world, this nation, our city

and in the church—

let the Holy Spirit summon forth new life in the name of Christ.

WE PRAY:

ALL SING:

O GOD, HEAR US

*Refrain 0 God, hear hear our prayer. us;

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Reader: That all who suffer from racial prejudice, religious bigotry, and hatred:

May we embrace with new conviction the truth

that people of every kind are created in God's image

and all are sisters and brothers of the one human family. WE PRAY:

ALL SING: O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

That those who bear the burden of sickness, especially parishioners, Reader:

family members and friends,

will be lifted up, embraced in healing love

and reveal to us the loving heart of Christ. WE PRAY:

ALL SING: O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

Reader: That the afflicted people of Gaza, all of Palestine,

especially the children, who pray with "loud cries and tears," will be granted justice in a new home filled with peace and hope.

May our hearts be troubled by the terror and the death.

Let all transgressors learn the ways of God:

WE PRAY:

ALL SING: O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have been sown with Christ in death,

will bear an abundant harvest with the communion of Saints,

especially Jerry Wirtz, and all who have died from war, hatred and terror.

WE PRAY:

ALL SING: O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

Concluding Prayer

Presider: IN OUR HEARTS, O GOD,

You have written a covenant of grace, sealed by the obedience of Jesus your Son.

Raise us up with Christ, the grain fallen to earth that yields a harvest of everlasting life. Bring us to glorify your name by following faithfully where he has led.

We ask this through Christ, our deliverance and hope, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

ALL: AMEN © ICEL-The Fifth Sunday LENT 5B

