

**Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year B**  
**Sunday, May 17, 2015**

Readings: 1) Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 2) 1 John 4:11-16 3) John 17:11b-19

**Sunday Liturgy**

The focus for today's Mass is that God is love. We were created so we could share in that love.

Love and prayer are like two sides of one coin. Can we love God without praying to him?  
 Can we genuinely pray to God without knowing his love for us?

Love usually moves us to interact with the ones we love, helping that love flourish.

Prayer is our interaction with God, and allows us to tell him how deeply we love him.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**PRIEST: Touched by the loving farewell of our Lord Jesus Christ, and blessed by his protection and consecration, we offer our prayers.**

**For the Church to continue to preach and teach boldly about Christ, knowing that she is promised the protection of the Spirit and graced to be Jesus' presence in the world.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For the world the Father loves so much**

**To be released from the sins of hatred and violence.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For the addicted, the betrayed, the despairing and the sick to find healing in Jesus, and that a share in his cross will bring them the new life and hope of the Resurrection.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For the members of this faith community**

**To continue to storm heaven with words and deeds that give praise and glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For the faithful departed to be gathered with the saints and angels around God's throne in heaven.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For our parish, with the newly baptized and confirmed as we continue to rejoice in the life in Christ.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For our own personal intentions, ..... (long pause),**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**PRIEST: God of love, as your Son has ascended to your right hand and as you listen to his prayer for his beloved still on earth, may his protection and grace transform us to better proclaim the good news of his love and Resurrection. We pray through Christ our Lord.**

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