

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**  
**EASTER 7    12 MAY, 2024**

L     As we wait with longing for the gift of the Spirit of God, let us pray that God would make Himself known to the world through the good news of His Son, Jesus Christ.

*Each petition will conclude:*     Lord, make yourself known to us,  
*Congregation response:*        **that we may be one.**

Petitions

\*     Holy Spirit, we thank and praise you for Pastor Hans, Cynderella and their family and their Christ-centred and inspirational ministry among us. We pray that you will abundantly bless Pastor Hans and Cynderella at Pastors' Retreat at Tandara this weekend. May Jesus' grace, peace and joy be shared by each of those who attend the Retreat, so that at all times honour and glory is given to our Heavenly Father.

Lord, make yourself known to us, **that we may be one.**

\*     Loving Lord, we thank and praise you for our Mothers. Bless them with a close relationship with Jesus, so they can reflect his grace and compassion in the lives of their children and grandchildren. When family situations are difficult, give them strength, and the assurance that you are with them in their challenges to give peace and hope.

Lord, make yourself known to us, **that we may be one.**

\*     Dear God, as many families travel this weekend to celebrate Mother's Day, help them to drive safely, being alert and careful on our roads. We also pray that you will comfort those families who are mourning the death of their mother or whose mothers are facing health issues. Wrap your loving arms around them, Jesus, and hold them close.

Lord, make yourself known to us, **that we may be one.**

\*     Lord of the Seasons, we pray for favourable weather conditions during cropping. Keep all farmers and agricultural workers safe as they work long hours. Please bless our region with timely rains so there is good germination and the prospect of your blessing at harvest time.

Lord, make yourself know to us, **that we may be one.**

- \* Thank you, Heavenly Father, for all the willing volunteers at Holy Trinity. May the Holy Spirit inspire and lead them to serve you with grateful hearts. Help our congregation to be encouraging, loving, and welcoming, sharing Jesus' love with each other, and not overlooking those who are alone or new to our fellowship.  
Lord, make yourself known to us, **that we may be one.**

Concluding Prayer

- L Lord our God, you have brought the good news of Jesus Christ to us through your Spirit-filled messengers. Move us, by your Spirit, to bring the good news to those with whom we live. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**