

Intercessions for the fifth Sunday of Easter.

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth as ends all strife:  
Such a Life as killeth death.

George Herbert

Come, Lord Jesus, as we pray for your Church throughout the world (.....pray for where you have worshipped or where you worship now and give thanks). Help us all not to stray from you who are the Way, nor to distrust you who are the Truth, nor to rest in any other thing than in you, who are the Life. Teach us by your Holy Spirit what to believe, what to do and wherein to take our rest.

Lord in your mercy.....

We pray for your church within the world, especially for the work of Christian Aid (.....pray for the other charities you support as well). May the nations learn by the Truth of your word that, in bearing one another's burdens we can fulfil your law of love and so bring comfort, hope and help to those whose needs are so much greater than our own.

Lord in your mercy.....

We pray for everyone who is distressed in any way..... Those on our minds now, those we love and those whom we see no more-all loved by you, Lord, and recalled on our pilgrimage through life.

Lord in your mercy.....

Finally, we pray for ourselves

Support us , O Lord,  
All the days of this troublous life,  
Until the shadows lengthen  
And the evening comes  
The busy world is hushed  
And our work is done  
Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at the last. Amen.