

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### Priest Celebrant

As we look for the return of the Lord,  
let us pray to live as his faithful witnesses:

### Deacon/Cantor/Reader

That the Church be the sign of Jesus' own  
humility, gentleness and patience in a world of violence,  
we pray to the Lord:

That Christians pray and work for unity in the One Spirit,  
we pray to the Lord:

That Jesus' mandate to proclaim the gospel to every creature  
guide our words and actions,  
we pray to the Lord:

That the land of Jesus' birth accept the peace of his Ascension;  
that all the Near and Mid-East be spared further agony;  
that military personnel return safely home,  
we pray to the Lord:

That family members bear with one another in patient love,  
we pray to the Lord:

That public agencies - and every one of us - foster  
housing and employment for our brothers and sisters in need,  
we pray to the Lord:

That the Ascension of the Lord bring hope to  
[ and to all]  
our sick,  
we pray:

That our Lord lift into the Kingdom  
[ and all]  
our deceased,  
we pray:

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May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
bestow on us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation  
to know, love and serve him  
now and for ever.