

PRIEST: Lord, let us take up our cross and follow you. Enlighten the eyes of our mind so that we can see what hope your call holds for each of us. Hear our prayers we place before you.

READER: We pray for Pope Leo as he reminds us that Jesus cried out on the cross, not in desperation, but as a ‘sincerity, truth taken to the limit, trust that endures even when all is silent’ and encourages us to avoid seeing crying as a weakness, but rather as an act of extreme prayer.

(Pause) **Lord hear us. Response:** Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for the children of Ukraine, Gaza, and other regions of the world afflicted by war. We pray for their ongoing protection and that they may look forward, with anticipated hope, for peace filled days ahead. (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for those, who for whatever reason, feel ostracised from the church. We pray that our own church community will reach out and invite those seeking God. We pray for those navigating their faith journey. May the Holy Spirit enliven and encourage them to find a safe haven in a welcoming church community. (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray, especially this weekend, for the work of the Catholic Education Service, who work to promote Catholic Education, seeking to ensure that the principles of Catholic teaching are reflected in all aspects of national education policy. (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for ordinary people whose quiet, everyday actions manifest great holiness. Let us remember that even the smallest acts of kindness can create the biggest life changing impact. (Pause) **Lord hear us. Response:** Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray that those touched by shadows of bereavement, may feel themselves close to their dear ones, through him whose light even death could not overcome. We pray for those who have died recently: **Bernadette Harris, Father Paul Johnson, Paul Malone, Dymphna McKiernan, Robin Easterby, John Pears, Gilbert Anderson, Mavis Reynolds, Delia Finnegan, Father Tony Rohan, Andrew Lockington, Katherine – Duchess of Kent and Denis Linehan.** We also remember those with anniversaries at this time, especially Robert William Bennison. (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We remember all who are sick, those in hospital and those who are housebound. We remember especially the sick of our own Parish, **Anthony Herron, Matthew Sheils, Benjamin Wort, Lilian, William Moran, Damian Poole, Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Ken Shirley, Savio Baretto, Eddie Martin, Helen Brookes, Briege Williams, Jonathan Williams, Anthony O’Neill, Michael, Patrick, Aiden & Anne O’Donnell, Margaret Hughes, Paulina Samathar, Father Michael White, Breda Fleming, Juliana Benjamin, Kate Nelson, Wilson Cotton, Angela Hyland, Cornelius Callanan** and our families wherever they may be. (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us: Hail Mary...Now let us pray for a few moments in silence for our own needs and intentions and for those intentions placed in the prayer box.

PRIEST: Heavenly King, your constant presence in our life continues to inspire and encourage us always. Continue to guide us ever closer to you. Amen