

PRIEST: Loving Lord, you promised that you would be with us forever and always with love that is greater beyond anything that we can imagine. We come to you today with our hopes, our dreams and our prayers.

READER: We pray for Pope Francis, all religious leaders and all those who challenge us to protect and defend our beautiful world. May we cherish the gift of creation and celebrate the God who made us. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for the people of our world who have not experienced a love that does not count the cost. May they discover a love that is greater than themselves. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for ourselves as this year moves towards its ending. May we be grateful for its blessings and for the moments of happiness. May we find comfort for the moments of sadness and hope for the days that lie ahead. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for the people of Spain, South Sudan and all the places where natural disasters have overwhelmed families and communities. May they find the support and understanding that they need to rebuild their lives. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for all those who serve in a safeguarding role within our Churches and communities. Give them wisdom, discernment, and strength. Help us all work together so that we might ensure our Church is a safe place for everyone. (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; William Moran, Hughie Quinn, Father Fred Sheldon, Damian Poole, Angela and Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Ken Shirley, Danny Meadows, Jennifer O'Donnell, John Kavanagh, Kevin McDaid, James Brown, John McCarthy, Sandra Evans, Christopher Edmund Poole, Catherine Walton, Philip Saunders, Molly Saunders, Eileen Nolan, Savio Baretto, , Joan Gibson, Eddie Martin, Helen Brookes, Briege Williams, Jonathan Williams, Anthony O'Neill, Michael, Patrick, Aiden & Anne O'Donnell, Margaret Hughes, Paulina Samathar, Philomena Baretto, Father Michael White, Doreen and Wilson Cotton, Joe McClean, Chelsea O'Callaghan, Vincent Antonio de Costa and our families wherever they may be. May they find hope and healing and may we all find ways of responding to their needs. (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 remember those who have died recently: Monsignor Graham Wilkinson, Rita Terry, David Wenlock, John Pullen and Eileen Doyle : we pray that they all may be brought to life in Christ who has destroyed death as the final enemy under His feet. We also remember those with anniversaries at this time. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us: as we say- 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: Lord of life and hope, be with us in our waking and sleeping, our solitude and our togetherness, our hopes and our dreams, for You are Lord for ever and ever. Amen.