

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th August 2022

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**PRIEST:** Loving Lord, yet again today we hear Jesus tell us not to be afraid and so we come to you in confidence with our hopes and dreams, joys and sorrows, successes and failures. We bring you ourselves and all those whom we know and love and those people whom we will never meet, knowing that you care for them.

**READER:** We pray for Pope Francis and all religious leaders. May they guide our world towards living together in peace, justice and compassion.

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

**READER:** We pray for everyone who has been affected by the recent droughts, wildfires, floods, earthquake and volcanic eruption. May they know the comfort and support that they need to look towards the future in hope. May the world unite to work against the effects of climate change.

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

**READER:** We pray for the people of Ukraine, Yemen, Myanmar, Somalia and Hong Kong. May their human rights be respected and upheld as they search for dignity and freedom. We also pray for Taiwan, caught between the conflicting interests of China and the United States. May there be constructive dialogue which leads to peace and an end to all threats of war.

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

**READER:** We pray for everyone who is currently on holiday. May their days be filled with happiness and friendship. May they travel in safety and return home refreshed and at peace.

(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: Ray Stanley, Joanne Moss, Baby Patrick Jackson and Phillip Corr, Denis Aichinson and all our families and friends.

We also remember those with anniversaries at this time especially, Stanley Gough, Michael Mahoney, Francis Stephen O'Brien, Mary Theresa Dunleavy, William Whitehouse, Kris Krzysztof, Ann McVeigh, Victor John Curtis, John Douglas Lawrence, James Gerald Ryan, Rita Fadden, Susan Dugdale, John Joseph Owens.

(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, Kath Reidy, Hughie Quinn, John White, Father Fred Sheldon, Dan Doyle, Damian Poole, Kath Clark, Angela and Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Ken Shirley, Lena Gallagher, Danny Meadows, John Kavanagh, Peter Kavanagh, Kevin McDaid, James Brown, John McCarthy, Sandra Evans, Christopher Edmund Poole, Noreen O'Connor, Catherine Walton, Philip Saunders, Molly Saunders, Gillian Jones, Eileen Nolan, Savio Baretto, Keith Ritchie, Don Deneny, Bernie Day, Chris Grimley 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.

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**PRIEST:** Lord God, hear our prayers. Draw us ever closer to you who love us more than we can possibly imagine. Amen.