

PRIEST: Lord God of second chances, as we travel through Lent, we come to you with our prayers, hopes and dreams for ourselves, our loved ones and all humanity.

READER: We pray for Pope Francis in his sickness. May he recover health and strength and continue to lead the Church towards a fuller appreciation of the dignity of all people.

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

READER: We pray for our world, caught up in divisions that most of us feel helpless to heal. May world leaders come together to listen to each other and make decisions for the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

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

READER: We pray for families. May they grow ever closer to each other, to their communities and to God with every moment of every day. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for people who are experiencing the fear or the result of natural disasters. May they have the courage and faith to rebuild their lives despite the challenges facing them.

(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; Benjamin Wort, William Moran, Hughie Quinn, Rosie McConnelly, Damian Poole, Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Ken Shirley, Danny Meadows, 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, Patrick Hickey, Father Michael White, Father Tony Rohan, Doreen and Wilson Cotton, Juliana Benjamin, Pauline Raponi, Callum Graham, Chelsea O'Callaghan, Chris Morgan-Cettler, Andrea Cadman, Michael Leyland, Wayne O'Neill, 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 for those who have died recently: Father Fred Sheldon, Michael Costello, Trish Embley, Maha Eraifej, Deacon Pat Flanagan and Desmond Duffy, Philomena Baretto, Angela Duffy, Josephine Egonu, Eileen Horsburgh and Othon Ferguson.: 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: God of life and hope be with us in everything that we say, think and do. Fill us with your love. Walk with us on our journey through life. Amen.