

PRIEST: Loving Lord, today we reflect on the lives of St Peter and St Paul. We thank you for their example, and we ask you to inspire us, in our all-too-frail humanity, on our own faith journey.

READER: As we pray for Pope Leo, we echo his plea for dialogue and diplomacy in the Middle East. We join our prayers with his, asking God to guide politicians and world leaders in the way of peace.

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

READER: We turn our prayerful attention to those caught up in political upheaval and war, for whom daily life has changed beyond recognition, and we remember those who live with the threat of violence hanging over them. We ask God to bring courage, comfort and hope to these situations.

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

READER: We pray for those who suffer in mind, body and spirit, for those who live with the daily grind of poverty, who are lonely, sick or grieving. We ask God to send the Holy Spirit to be alongside them, to show them the glimmer of God's comforting presence – the light that grows ever brighter until it dispels the darkness. **(Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.**

READER: We pray for those taking exams and for those coming to the end of their studies. We ask God to guide their footsteps on the next stage of their journey. We pray that today's young people will grow to become wise and compassionate adults, capable of steering humanity towards peace.

(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 Benjamin Wort, Lilian, William Moran, Hughie Quinn, Rosie McConnelly, Damian Poole, Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Ken Shirley, Kevin McDaid, Philip Saunders, Savio Baretto, 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, Father Paul Johnson, Breda Fleming, Juliana Benjamin, Kate Nelson, Wilson Cotton, Angela Hyland 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: Doreen Cotton , Colam Devaney, Gerard William Dornan, David Wong, Chelsea O'Callaghan, Michael Nugent, Pat Hurst and Angela Cleeton: 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, we trust that you hear the prayers we lift up to you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.