

PRIEST: Gracious Lord, we come before you with grateful and faithful hearts, seeking your presence in this moment, asking for your guidance, wisdom and peace. Open our minds and hearts to your word and lead us in your truth.

READER: We pray for Pope Francis and for all religious leaders throughout the world; that they might be guided by wisdom and inspire those whom they lead in the ways of truth, justice, compassion and mercy.

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

READER: Wednesday sees the Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels; in our prayers we ask God to send angels of peace to the troubled places of the world.

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

READER: We pray especially for an end to the terrible situation in the Middle East. We hold in our prayers the people of Lebanon, praying for the souls of those who have been killed, for those who mourn them, and for those who are frightened and displaced.

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

READER: We pray for those who have been hit by flooding in Wales and England, and for those clearing up after the recent floods in central and Eastern Europe. We ask the Holy Spirit to move among those who have been affected in any way.

(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, Michael, 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, Eileen Doyle, Briege Williams, Jonathan Williams, Anthony O'Neill, Michael, Patrick, Aiden & Anne O'Donnell, Margaret Hughes, Paulina Samathar, Philomena Baretto** 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: **Graham Heeley, Patrick Lalor, Father Peter Blundell, John Smith, Dermot McCready, Peter Bowyer, Robert William Bennison, Paul Nagle, David Parnell, Chris McClean:** 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 All, we thank you for the gift of your angels, who surround us with protective love. May they lead us closer to you, carrying your light into every corner of the world. Help us to trust in their presence and feel your peace through them. Amen