

**PRIEST:** Lord, you are the light that guides, protects and nurtures us. We give forever thanks for your great glory. Hear our prayers we bring before you.

**READER:** We pray for Pope Francis and his ongoing recovery as he reminds us that it is never too late to consign everything to God and start anew in our journey. Help us to journey together in light.

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

**READER:** We pray for all Mothers that are the centrepiece of family life. We give thanks for all mothers that have bestowed their love, care, and attention on us and shown us the first example of unconditional love. We pray for all Mothers living and deceased, that through the intercession of the Mother of God, the Lord will bless them and reward them for their sacrifices and love.

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

**READER:** This Lent, we pray for those that are suffering, those that are grieving and those who are poor in spirit. Help them to find you in their own personal darkness, let your light pour through them.

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

**READER:** We pray for countries around the world that are enduring ongoing war and violence. We remember those that have lost their lives, those that have lost loved ones, friends and comrades, those that have lost their homes, livelihoods and communities. We pray for peace in our troubled world.

(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, Gill Jones, 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 Anthony Rohan, Callum Graham, Juliana Benjamin, Chelsea O'Callaghan, Chris Morgan-Cettler, Doreen and Wilson Cotton, 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, Monsignor Graham Wilkinson, Michael Costello, Trish Embley, Maha Eraifej, Deacon Pat Flanagan, Desmond Duffy, Philomena Baretto, Angela Duffy, Josephine Egonu, Eileen Horsburgh, 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.

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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:** Holy Father, as we travel through Lent, help us to carve out meaningful time with you. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.