

**PRIEST:** Loving Lord, today we come to you to seek shelter, knowing you give us true rest. Help us to embrace the suffering of others and guide them, also, to you. Hear our prayers we bring before you.

**READER:** We pray for Pope Leo as he reminds us of the importance of persevering on the ecumenical path and to always remain active and attentive in honest dialogue with all. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** We continue to pray for the people of Venezuela following the devastating earthquakes. We pray that the survivors find the courage and support that they urgently need; and those who have died, will rest in peace. May God watch over, protect and bless the efforts of the emergency services and rescuers. May all find comfort in their grief. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** We pray for those undergoing cancer diagnosis and treatment. May the Holy Spirit provide them with courage in moments of fear, comfort in moments of pain and peace in moments of rest. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** We pray for all those studying and working in education. As the summer holiday approaches, may teachers enjoy rest and rejuvenation, and students enjoy a summer of success and excitement. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** We pray to be kind to ourselves. Let us view ourselves through the kind eyes of God, let us remember how very much he loves us, just as we are. Help us to be the best version of ourselves, today and always. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** We pray for those who have died recently: Sonya O'Shea, Anne McGrath, Bob Dipple, Glynis Hawkins, Philip Gartland, Henry Oliver Price, James Harding, Helen Mary McGrath, Eileen Ponsonby, Eamonn Cassidy, Mary Gately, Debra Marie Murray, Nicholas Ian Barnett, Susan Kelly, John Burke, David and Edna Powers and Julie Agnew. We also remember all those with anniversaries at this time. (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 Father Pat Sayles, Angela Keating, Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Helen Brookes, Briega Williams, Jonathan Williams, Larry Perkins, Tom Duffy, Vito and Ledda Piccolo, Ronan Gosh, Mary Cassidy, Jess Stanton and Philomena Kenny. (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:** Heavenly Father, help us to be gentle and humble in heart and inclusive to all, through your name. Amen

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