

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 1st SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

PRIEST: As we start our Lenten journey and strive to turn our hearts to the Lord we know we need the help of our Lord.

READER: Recognising that the covenant God established, is with humanity and all of creation. We ask the Lord to help us live up to our responsibilities. **Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

READER: We pray for the Church, born through the cleansing waters of Baptism and the new covenant in Christ, may be seen as a people who live by the law of Love and compassion. **Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for Pope Francis and for all young people. May the faith of each be inspired and strengthened, tempered and tested in the Spirit. May we work for peace and reconciliation, health and healing. **Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for vocations to missionary life. May young people respond to the call to share their faith. **Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for the world's leaders and diplomats, that their work be truly service of the people. **Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for the poor of the world struggling against injustice and oppression. May we be inspired by the Spirit of Christ and come to their aid. **Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for all who are sick and for all who are in hospital, that they are given the help and compassion they need. **Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for those who have recently died... and for all our dead... eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

We pray for all who mourn that they may be comforted. **Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us**

Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us. Hail Mary ...

In the silence of our hearts, let us pray for our own families and friends.

PRIEST: Almighty and everliving God, we give thanks for the gift of being your blessed temples. Help us to be ready to share that blessing with all who are in need; we ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**