

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B Prison Week

PRIEST: United in the faith we have professed we turn to the Lord with all our needs.

READER: We pray for Christian communities everywhere, may they be seen as a wise and holy people among every nation, culture and tradition. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for those who are paying for their crimes by being deprived of their freedom. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for those who are employed to look after prisoners, may they treat their charges with humanity and care. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for prisoners of conscience, those illegally held in captivity and those held as hostages. May they be freed without harm. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for all people suffering because of war, violence and political repression. We pray that we and the world's leaders and diplomats may work together for justice and build a world of peace and hope for future generations. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for young people of good faith, that they may respond to the call of Christ to work for the spread of the Gospel. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for those out of work, the homeless and those without hope. May our communities find ways to help them in compassion and love. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for all who are sick and for all who are in hospital that they may be aware that the Lord is with them in their troubles. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us Pray for those who have died. We pray for those of our families and friends and for who were enemies in this life. May the God of Love have mercy on them all. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

In the silence of our hearts, let us pray for our own families and friends.
Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us. Hail Mary ...

PRIEST: Almighty and ever-living God,
we give thanks for all the good gifts that you set before us.
Help us to use wisely all your gifts
and be ready share with all who are in need;
we ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**