

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 2nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR © Peace Day

PRIEST: We have heard and listened to the word of God and as the crown of splendour in the hand of God we turn to the Lord for the help we need today.

READER: Recognising that we all have special gifts from the Holy Spirit, we ask the Lord to help us put them to use for the spread his Kingdom. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our Prayer.**

READER: We pray for Missionaries throughout the world that they may be seen as a people inspired and led by the Holy Spirit. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for Pope Francis and for all young people. May the faith of each be inspired and strengthened and renewed in their vocations, we pray that we may work for peace and reconciliation amongst all nations and peoples. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray on this Peace Day, for the world's leaders and diplomats that all nations may work together to build a world where justice and compassion leads to a real peace and hope for the future. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the poor of the world facing floods, drought and malnutrition, and the effects of the changing climate, that the world's wealth and abundance may be justly shared with all who are in need. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for all the sick and for all who are in hospital that they may receive the care and treatment they need. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for those who have recently died... and for all our dead... and for all who mourn that they may be comforted. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our Prayer.**

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 gifts and blessings of the Holy Spirit.
Help us to be ready to share that blessing with all who are in need;
we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**