

## INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

**PRIEST:** We welcome God into our hearts, whole heartedly with faith and trust. We now turn to the Lord and ask for the guidance we need from the Holy Spirit to help us respond in love and freedom..

**READER:** Let us pray for Christian men and women in every corner of the earth. We have each been called to serve one-another in acts of love. Let us pray that, our lives will be acceptable worship of the Lord. **Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray that the words of Jesus find a home in us, and so truly welcome those in need as the right thing to do. **Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for all those who are working for understanding and tolerance in our multi-faith world. We pray especially that we, members of this Catholic community, will take the lead in building bridges of friendship and understanding with people of different ethnic origin and other faiths in our neighbourhood. **Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for those enslaved by evil people, poverty or addiction. May we willing and able to free them with care and love. **Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for all those suffering as a result of the financial crisis. May those responsible and those with the power make amends and help the poorest in society. **Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for all who are sick and disabled, those in hospital and those who are housebound. We remember especially the sick of our own parish congregation and our own families wherever they may be. ....May the Good Lord grant them the healing only he can give. **Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

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 hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

Now let us pray for a few moments in silence for our own needs and intentions.

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

**PRIEST:** Almighty and ever-living God  
you have made us your kingdom  
and your church in this place.  
As we share in this Eucharist together  
may our hearts be filled with your strength.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN