

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C

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

READER: Let us pray for the Church - for Pope Francis, for all the Bishops and for Christian communities in every nation of the world. We pray that the Church may be a visible sign of hope and mutual support. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for each other as we worship together here today. May the Eucharist we celebrate in the name of the Lord Jesus bring us closer to each other in faith and be witnesses of God's Love and compassion. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

We pray for all peoples devastated by conflict and war. We pray for all who have lost their homes, their families, and their lives. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for those responsible for the violence and death inflicted on so many people. We pray that they may be touched by God's grace and with a change of heart work for peace, justice and hope for the future. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

We especially pray for the poor and marginalised, for the sick and the frail in our society. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

We pray today for all children, students and teachers returning to school after the summer holidays we pray that the new term brings new joys as well as new challenges. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

Let us ask Mary, the mother of peace to pray with us for all who have died.
Hail Mary...

Now let us pray for a few moments in the silence of our hearts.

PRIEST: Almighty and merciful God,
we worship together in the name of the Lord Jesus,
sharing one bread and one cup.
Through our celebration of the Eucharist,
may the gift of the Holy Spirit fill our hearts
to strengthen us in unity
and common understanding.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. AMEN