

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C

PRIEST: We Are warned by the prophets and Christ not to become complacent in our faith and lives, so let us pray that we be strengthened and encouraged by the word of God today.

READER: Let us pray for Christian men and women in every corner of the earth. In God's infinite love we have each been called to spread our faith with courage and justice. Let us pray that, we may be united in love and a common purpose. **Lord in your Mercy, Hear our Prayer.**

We pray for those in distress due to poverty and the rising cost of living. We pray for our political leaders to hear the cry of the poor and care for them with action and not just words. **Lord in your Mercy, Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for missionaries and for the people they serve may their faith and enthusiasm witness to the love of God. **Lord in your Mercy, Hear our Prayer.**

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 other faiths in our neighbourhood. **Lord in your Mercy, Hear our Prayer.**

We pray or all those suffering as a result of the violence and conflict that plagues our world, may we work for and encourage our leaders to promote the justice and peace that God promises . **Lord in your Mercy, Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for all who mourn the loss of life and homes through the natural and unnatural disasters of the last week. that they may be comforted and find the help they need. **Lord in your Mercy, Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the poor, the destitute, the discarded and uncared for people on the edge of our society. May we see them as sisters and brothers of Christ. **Lord in your Mercy, Hear our Prayer.**

We remember all who are sick, those in hospital and those who are housebound. We remember especially our own families wherever they may be. **Lord in your Mercy, Hear our Prayer.**

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

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

PRIEST: Almighty and ever-living God
as we share in this Eucharist together we consecrate
ourselves to you as your people.
May our hearts be filled with your love and strength.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN