

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 2nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

PRIEST: We have heard and listened to the word of God and as we try to answer his call to do God's will, we turn to the Lord for the help we need.

READER: Recognising that we are to be the light to the nations, we ask the Lord to help us live up to that calling so that God's salvation may reach the ends of the earth. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our Prayer.**

READER: We pray for the Church throughout the world that Christian communities may be seen as a people who live and stay with the Lamb of God. **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 this new generation may work for peace and reconciliation amongst all nations and peoples. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for missionaries everywhere, may their faith and courage increase in these times of indifference and violence. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our Prayer.**

In these days of armed conflict and political uncertainty, Let us pray for the world's leaders and diplomats that all nations may work together for justice and build a world of peace and hope for future generations. **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 who are 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.**

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 everliving God, we give thanks for the gift of being called your people. Help us to embrace your will and grant the strength to follow you in faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**