

## **INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)**

**PRIEST:** We have heard and listened to the word of God and we are challenged to choose between the way of the Lord of life and the way of sin and death. We call on the Lord to help us make the right choice.

**READER:** In the Gospel we are challenged to have higher standards than the Law and human convention. Let us pray for the gift of reconciliation and peace. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

Recognising that we are people in need of conversion and healing, we ask God to send his spirit of wisdom and faith into our hearts. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

We pray for missionaries today, may Christ be visible in their lives. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

We pray for those shunned and despised because of illness, disfigurement, occupation or of lifestyle. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the world's leaders and diplomats, that they may work together with true concern and compassion for the people they serve. May their motives be for justice and peace. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the marginalised people among us. May we recognise our common humanity and that together we might build a more inclusive community. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

We pray for all those suffering the effects of extreme weather. May they find the help and comfort they 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 be aware that the Lord is with them in their troubles. **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 people of justice and reconciliation.  
Help us to be ready to share that blessing with all;  
we ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**