

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 1st SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

PRIEST: As we start our Lenten journey, following Jesus in his path to the passion, death and resurrection, we pray for the courage and faith to make it with love and joy in our hearts.

READER: Recognising that we are sinful people, but loved and forgiven by God, we ask the Lord to help us respond with love. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

We pray for the Church throughout the world that Christian communities may be seen as a people who live by the law of Love and compassion without distinction of ethnicity or rank. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Let us pray for Pope Francis and for all young people. May they overcome all temptations of the world and be an inspiration to follow Christ in all things. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Let us pray for the world's leaders and diplomats that they become true servants of the people and avoid the temptations of power, wealth and fame. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Let us pray for the poor of the world struggling against injustice and oppression. May we be people of justice and integrity. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Let us pray for Missionaries who are faced with danger and violence, may they be granted the faith and courage they need today. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Let us pray for all who are sick and for all who are in hospital that they are treated with care compassion. **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 faith to overcome the temptations of the Devil.
Help us to be ready to share that blessing with those close to us;
we ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**