

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B

PRIEST: Our faith appears to be a contradiction of the wisdom of the world and yet is the basis of justice and right living. We ask the Lord to strengthen our faith 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 as prophets to spread our faith with courage and justice. Let us pray that, we may be united in love and a common purpose. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for missionaries and for the people they serve. May they be inspired with the Holy Spirit to work and witness to God's Love. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for all the abused children and vulnerable people in our communities. May we come to their help, to heal and protect with compassion and love **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for all those suffering as a result of the on-going wars, conflict and violence. May those responsible and those with the power make amends and help the poorest and most vulnerable in society. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for our politicians and industrialists, that they come to understand that the economy should serve the people and not see people as commodities that serve the economy. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for all who are sick, those in hospital and those who are housebound. We remember especially the sick of our own parish congregation and our own families wherever they may be. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for those who have died recently, especially for those killed in acts of violence, hatred and revenge. May they find the comfort and fullness of life in Christ. **Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

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
you have made us into the Body of Christ
and your church in this place.
As we share in this Eucharist together
may our hearts be filled with your strength.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
AMEN.