

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C

PRIEST: We now turn to the Lord with all our longings and ask for an increase in faith and perseverance.

READER: We pray for Christian men and women in every corner of the earth. In God's infinite love we have each been given a special gift from God, Let us pray that our minds and hearts may be aflame with all that is good, pure and noble and so become living examples of God's love for us. **Lord in your Mercy, Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for peace and justice in our world of conflict and violence. May we encourage our leaders and politicians to work for the protection of the weak and oppressed. **Lord in your Mercy, Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray that God will grant us the will and perseverance in our care for the earth and the protection of those affected by the rapidly changing environment. **Lord in your Mercy, Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who are working for understanding and tolerance in our multi-faith, multi-cultural world. We pray especially that we may take the lead in building bridges of friendship and understanding in our neighbourhood. **Lord in your Mercy, Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the victims of the natural and unnatural disasters of the last week. **Lord in your Mercy, Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those suffering depression and despair, due to the horrors of war. May they be given the help, healing and compassion they need. **Lord in your Mercy, Hear our prayer.**

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

We pray for all the recently dead, especially... **Eternal rest grant unto them..**

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

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

PRIEST: Almighty and ever-living God you have granted us so many graces and gifts As we share in this Eucharist together may our hearts be filled with your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN