

Season of Lent : Sunday 5B General Intercessions

Priest

Christ submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard.
United with Christ, we pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For all members of the Church throughout the world;
that the coming celebration of Easter will renew our faith,
and strengthen our witness to Christ.

PAUSE for silent prayer — at least five seconds. Repeat after each intention.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

2. For Pope Francis and all bishops, priests, and deacons:
that they will faithfully fulfil the role bestowed on them
to proclaim God's mercy to the world.
3. For the leaders of the nations:
that all governments may reflect
the values of responsible caring, compassion, and integrity,
so that no individual or minority is abused or left in need.
4. For those in our midst who are crushed by economic problems,
poor health, fear, anxiety, and loneliness:
may the Lord give them courage, strength, and faith to overcome hardship.
5. For those who suffer discrimination because of race, colour, or creed:
may the Lord help those who are blinded by prejudice
to recognise the humanity we all share
and the equal love God has for all people.
6. For those of our community who have left this world,
especially our families and friends who have died:
may they live forever with Christ in everlasting glory.

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Come to our aid, Lord God,
that we may walk courageously in that love
of which your Son gave proof
when he handed himself over to death
out of love for the world.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.