

## Season of Lent : Sunday 5C General Intercessions

### Priest

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

### Reader

1. We pray for Pope Francis, and all Bishops, priests, deacons and religious:  
that the Holy Spirit will inspire them  
to find the words to encourage us to a fresh start in a life of grace.

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

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

2. We pray for all those who are suffering in poverty;  
and those who are experiencing the terror of having to flee from their homes,  
especially at this time in Afghanistan and in the Ukraine:  
that they will receive help and support wherever it is needed.
3. We pray for God's blessing on those who assist others in so many ways,  
such as providing medical expertise, food and clothing,  
and opening their homes to people fleeing terrorism and war.
4. We pray for peace:  
that world leaders will listen to each other  
and to God's encouragement to have a change of heart in all war-torn countries.
5. We pray for the sick and lonely of our parishes,  
and for those who care for them:  
that they may feel the strength and comfort of God's love around them.
6. We pray for all those who have died,  
especially in our own families and who are held close to our hearts.
7. Let us ask Mary, our Mother, to join with us in our prayers: Hail, Mary ...

### Priest

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.