

Season of Lent : Passion (Palm) Sunday A 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. For all members of the Church;
that we may walk with Christ the way of his cross,
and show forth in our life the power of his resurrection.

PAUSE for silent prayer — at least five seconds, please.

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

2. For governmental leaders:
that God will help them to lay aside personal gain,
and follow Christ's example of making service to those in need
the guiding principle of their work.
3. For all refugees and displaced persons:
that God will guide them to safety,
and open the hearts of many to support them,
provide them with a place of refuge,
and help them connect with loved ones and faith communities.
4. For peace, especially in Ukraine and Syria:
that the Passion of Christ can break down the barriers
that divide the protagonists.
5. For all who are ill in body or mind, and for those who care for them:
may they feel the presence of the Spirit of the Lord,
bringing them comfort and peace of mind.
6. For all who have died, especially those in our parish,
and those whose anniversaries we commemorate:
may they be at peace in the glory of God.
7. Let us hold our branches of palm for the blessing. *Fr G will then say at once, ...*

Priest

Almighty and eternal God,
bless + these palms and make them holy;
and grant that we who joyfully accompany Christ the King today
may by his grace arrive one day
in the new and eternal Jerusalem,
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.