## Season of Lent: Passion (Palm) Sunday 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

For Pope Francis, Bishop Paul, and all bishops,
 Father Geoffrey and all priests, deacons and religious:
 may their faith inspire us to keep the Word of God in our hearts.

**PAUSE** for silent prayer. ... **Please count five full seconds**. Repeat after each intention.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

- 2. For people caught up in wars and conflicts through no fault of their own: may the Lord give them strength and sustain them through their pain.
- 3. For all refugees and displaced persons: may God guide them to places of safety, and fill peoples' hearts with compassion to welcome them.
- 4. For all who are ill, especially in our own community: may they find comfort and strength knowing they are loved by God.
- 5. For all carers and medical professionals, especially our own NHS: may the Lord reward them for their love and dedication in caring for their patients.
- 6. For all who have died, especially those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: may they be at peace in the presence of God.
- 7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary ...

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Almighty and eternal God, when you sent our Saviour into the world, you gave us all an example to follow: in humble obedience he took upon himself a body like ours and gave himself up to death on the cross.

In your mercy, grant us the grace to learn from the example of his passion and to share in the glory of his resurrection.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.