

## Season of Lent : Sunday 4B

### General Intercessions

#### Priest

God, who is rich in mercy, has made us alive together with Christ Jesus.  
With great confidence we can pray for the Church and for the whole world.

#### Reader

1. For all members of the Church, and each of us here:  
may we always remember, as St Paul tells us,  
that we are saved by grace, through faith;  
a gift from God, not earned by anything that we do ourselves.

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

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

2. On this Mothering Sunday, we pray for mothers and their families;  
may they grow in love, and know each day the presence of God.
3. For all who are suffering in any way:  
may God's unending love bring healing to the sick, food to the hungry,  
shelter to the homeless and jobs to the unemployed.
4. For the healing of wounds caused by racism, anti-Semitism, or Islamophobia:  
may God raise up all who have been affected by these prejudices,  
and inspire all of us with new ways  
to build a community of co-operation and justice.
5. For refugees and asylum-seekers:  
may we never forget that Our Lord and his family were once refugees,  
and may we have compassion for their plight,  
soften our hearts to their situation,  
and support organisations who seek justice and mercy on their behalf.
6. For all who have died:  
may their faith in the Lord bring them into the fullness of eternal life.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to petition on our behalf: Hail, Mary ...

#### Priest

In a wonderful manner, Lord God,  
you reconcile humankind to yourself  
through your only Son, the eternal Word.  
Grant that your Christian people  
may press on towards the Easter sacraments  
with lively faith and ready hearts.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.