

PRIEST: Loving Lord, you rode into Jerusalem to shouts of praise which, a few days later, became calls for your crucifixion. Knowing your love for all of us, we bring you our prayers and our search for your mercy and forgiveness.

READER: We pray for Pope Francis and all religious leaders. As Holy Week begins, may they inspire the world with a longing to become compassionate peacemakers in our troubled world.

(Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for governments across the world in the face of unprecedented economic challenges. May the Holy Spirit of wisdom so guide their decision-making and actions that they will bring about the greatest good to the greatest number of people.

(Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for families during the Easter holidays. May they be filled with joy and love and may they grow closer to each other and to the God who loves them.

(Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for us all as we enter Holy Week. As we reflect on Jesus' total gift of himself during the coming days, may we be filled with the hope of Easter.

(Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We remember all who are sick, those in hospital and those who are housebound. We remember especially the sick of our own Parish; Benjamin Wort, Katie Nelson, William Moran, Hughie Quinn, Rosie McConnelly, Damian Poole, Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Ken Shirley, Danny Meadows, Savio Baretto, Joan Gibson, Eddie Martin, Helen Brookes, Briege Williams, Jonathan Williams, Anthony O'Neill, Michael, Patrick, Aiden & Anne O'Donnell, Margaret Hughes, Paulina Samathar, Patrick Hickey, Father Michael White, Father Tony Rohan, Juliana Benjamin, Doreen and Wilson Cotton, Chelsea O'Callaghan, Breda Fleming, Cornelius Callanan, Wayne O'Neill, Andrea Cadman, Michael Leyland and our families wherever they may be. May they find hope and healing and may we all find ways of responding to their needs.

(Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray those who have died recently: Father Fred Sheldon, Trish Embley, Maha Eraifej, Deacon Pat Flanagan, Desmond Duffy, Philomena Baretto, Angela Duffy, Christopher Morgan-Cettler: we pray that they all may be brought to life in Christ who has destroyed death as the final enemy under His feet. We also remember those with anniversaries at this time.

(Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us: as we say- Hail Mary...Now let us pray for a few moments in silence for our own needs and intentions and for those intentions placed in the prayer box.

PRIEST: Lord of life and hope, as we celebrate Palm Sunday, may we also look forward to the joy of the resurrection. May we walk this coming week in your company. Amen.