

PRIEST: Lord, when we go hungry, or are tempted, let us always turn our attention to you. You are our home, our nourishment, our protector, and our solace. Hear our prayers we bring before you.

READER: We pray for Pope Francis' health and recovery; asking God to be alongside him in hospital and to grant him a recovery to full health. We place in our hearts the Holy Father's prayer intention for March, let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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

READER: We pray for the success of the Peace talks taking place next week in Saudi Arabia between USA and Ukrainian officials. May these talks lead to a lasting peace between Russia and the Ukraine.

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

READER: We pray for all those that are feeling isolated and lonely. May they feel the love and companionship of the Holy Spirit. **(Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.**

READER: We pray for a moment for our own personal petitions as we begin our Lenten journey...

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

READER: We pray especially for the sick of our own Parish; **Benjamin Wort, 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, Doreen and Wilson Cotton, Juliana Benjamin, Ellen Gilmore, Breda Fleming, Cornelius Callanan, Chelsea O'Callaghan, Callum Graham 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 for those who have died recently: Father Fred Sheldon, Monsignor Graham Wilkinson, Joe Westman, Mary Johnson, Margaret Rochfort, Pat Craddock, Samuel Robinson, Michael Costello, Sister Pauline Dean, Joe Westman, Pat Craddock, Trish Embley, Michael Costello, Maha Eraifej, Deacon Pat Flanagan, Desmond Duffy, Philomena Baretto, Angela Duffy: 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, help us to find some quiet sacred space this season to develop a personal intimate conversation with you. Amen.