

**PRIEST:** On the feast of the Presentation, Jesus comes to meet his people. With confidence in the Father's love, we turn to him now with our prayers.

**READER:** On this World Day for Consecrated life, this weekend, we pray that the Lord will bless and strengthen all male and female religious, and that many more might give their lives in such a way, witnessing to the fullness of life in Christ. (Pause) **Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.**

**READER:** We pray for those caught up in the air disaster in Washington DC – for the passengers, air crew and those involved in the rescue operation. We pray for the souls of those who lost their lives. We also pray for all those who lost their lives in the crowd crush at the festival in northern India.

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

**READER:** We thank God for the steps that have been taken towards a ceasefire in the Middle East, asking that it might gather momentum and lead to lasting peace. We pray for the hostages who've been released, asking God to help them readjust to life after captivity. And we prayerfully remember the families and friends of those who will not return, asking God to comfort them in their sadness.

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

**READER:** We ask for God's help with anything that is currently troubling us personally; that we might see the hand of God at work in our difficulties and that our faith might grow stronger through adversity.

(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, William Moran, Hughie Quinn, Rosie McConnelly, Damian Poole, Angela and Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Ken Shirley, Danny Meadows, Jennifer O'Donnell, John Kavanagh, Michael, Kavanagh, Kevin McDaid, James Brown, John McCarthy, Sandra Evans, Christopher Edmund Poole, Catherine Walton, Philip Saunders, Molly Saunders, Eileen Nolan, 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, Philomena Baretto, Patrick Hickey, Father Michael White, Father Andrew McCann, Father Gerard Kelly, Trish Embley, Callum Graham, Doreen and Wilson Cotton, Cornelius Callanan, Juliana Benjamin, Bridget McNamara, Ellen Gilmore, Chelsea O'Callaghan 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, Monsignor Graham Wilkinson, Raphael Lee, Laura Bourke, Joe Westman, Mary Johnson, Margaret Rochfort, Albert John Bliss, Jack Muldoon, Pat Craddock, Bernadette Carbery, Samuel Robinson :** 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.**

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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:** Heavenly Father, we lift our prayers to you, certain that you hear and help us. We make our prayers in the name of your Son, our Saviour Christ the Lord. Amen.