

PRIEST: As we raise our prayers to you, Lord, we come seeking courage, commitment, and above all hope, in a world that sometimes seems hopeless.

READER: We pray for Pope Leo, giving thanks for his ministry and for those who support him in it. And we hold in our hearts the words he said this week at the opening of the Jubilee of Youth: 'Your voices will be heard to the ends of the earth.' So now in prayer we join our voices with those of the young people. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for the young people of the world, asking God to give them wisdom, imagination, resourcefulness and courage to be the generation that makes the change that is so badly needed in the world. We ask for discernment as to how we can support them in this. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.

READER: As the world's attention continues to be focused on the suffering of the people of Gaza, we add our voices to those urgently praying for peace in the area. We remember, too, those in other regions where there is conflict and war – among them Ukraine, Myanmar, Sudan and Syria. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.

READER: In the face of so many apparently hopeless situations, confronted by so much suffering and uncertainty, we pray for ourselves; that we might be reinvigorated in faith, and trust anew in the power of our prayers. (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, Lilian, William Moran, Damian Poole, Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Ken Shirley, Savio Baretto, Eddie Martin, Helen Brookes, Briege Williams, Jonathan Williams, Anthony O'Neill, Michael, Patrick, Aiden & Anne O'Donnell, Margaret Hughes, Paulina Samathar, Father Michael White, Breda Fleming, Juliana Benjamin, Kate Nelson, Wilson Cotton, Angela Hyland, Cornelius Callanan, 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 Paul Johnson, Delia Finnegan, Dymphna McKiernan, Father Tony Rohan, Paul Malone, Robin Easterby, Andrew Lockington, Mavis Reynolds, Gerry McArdle and John Pears; 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: Hear our voices, Lord, and guide our thoughts, words and deeds, to do your work in the world, to the ends of the earth. Amen.