

**PRIEST:** Let us turn to God our Father with confidence, trusting in his mercy and love, as we bring our prayers before him.

**READER:** We pray for people in authority, and especially for Pope Leo and all religious leaders. May they govern with faith, compassion and wisdom, protecting those who are vulnerable and denied justice in their struggle for survival. (Pause)

**Lord hear us. Response:** Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** We pray for peace in the war-torn areas of the world. May there be an end to hatred and division. May the innocent victims of fighting in Gaza, Ukraine and Sudan discover security, healing and hope. We pray that the current peace talks will bring lasting peace in the Middle East. (Pause) **Lord hear us. Response:** Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** We pray especially this weekend for the work of PACT the national Catholic charity which supports prisoners, their families and offers prisoners a chance to turn their lives around. May all prisoners be aware of your presence with them and may your spirit bring them peace and the hope of new life in Jesus Christ. (Pause) **Lord hear us. Response:** Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** We pray in thankfulness for God's many gifts. May we always recognise his grace and mercy in our lives (Pause) **Lord hear us. Response** Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** We pray for those who care for the sick, the elderly, or the marginalised. May God strengthen and reward caregivers, volunteers, and health-workers for their compassion, patience, and humility (Pause) **Lord hear us. Response:** Lord graciously hear us.

**READER:** We pray that those touched by shadows of bereavement, may feel themselves close to their dear ones, through him whose light even death could not overcome. We remember those who have died recently: **Michael Donnelly, Bernadette Harris, Father Paul Johnson, Paul Malone, Dymphna McKiernan, Robin Easterby, John Pears, Gilbert Anderson, Mavis Reynolds, Father Tony Rohan, Denis Linehan, Doctor Denys Nicol, Anthony Delaney, Alan Gorman, Annie Galvin, Father Noel Breslin and Sister Maura Magner.** We also remember those with anniversaries at this time. (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, **Anthony Herron, Matthew Sheils, 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, Natalie Holliday** and our families wherever they may be. (Pause)

**Lord hear us. Response:** Lord graciously hear us.

Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us: 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.

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**PRIEST:** Heavenly Father, you have shown us your mercy in Christ our Lord. Hear the prayers we offer today, and grant that, by your grace, we may live in thanksgiving, faith, and loving service, now and forever. Amen.