

PRIEST: Lord of Peace, as we come before you today, we focus our prayers on lasting, meaningful peace and an end to hostility, violence and warfare in the Middle East.

READER: We pray for Pope Leo, echoing his words that real faith changes the way Christians live and treat one another. And we ask God to show us how to live in love, compassion and wisdom, so that the ripples of our faith flow out into the world and touch other lives with a message of peace. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We stand in prayer alongside the people of Gaza, who still live and move among the wreckage of war. We pray for the hostages who have endured two years of captivity, and for the families welcoming them home. We ask God to pour healing love and patience into lives undergoing such huge changes. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for those who are working tirelessly to bring about peace, and for those who are waiting to start the process of rebuilding lives and communities. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: On this, World Mission Sunday, we renew our commitment to the mission of the Church and remember those bringing the love of God and the teachings of Christ to people across the world. We pray especially for the work of Missio across the world; may our prayers and gifts be a means by which God's grace reaches out in love to our brothers and sisters in need of help. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray that we may always persevere in prayer; to pray continually and never lose heart. (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, Dymphna McKiernan, Robin Easterby, John Pears, Gilbert Anderson, Mavis Reynolds, Father Tony Rohan, Denis Linehan, Doctor Denys Nicol, Anthony Delaney, Alan Gorman and Sister Maura Magner, Anne Weir, Donald Platt, Annie Galvin and Father Noel Breslin. We also remember those with anniversaries at this time especially Rita Terry. (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, Peter Kavanagh, 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.

PRIEST: Hear our prayers, Lord, and teach us how to be people of peace. Amen.