

**PRIEST:** God of Life, in today's Gospel we hear that we cannot serve both you and wealth. So, we come to you seeking courage and resolve to follow you more closely, even when it involves making personal sacrifices.

**READER:** We pray for Pope Leo, as he takes a stance on economic divisions in our world. May we follow his example of compassionate concern and stand up for justice and fairness.

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

**READER:** We pray for those who are caught up in prejudice and hatred, and for communities where intolerance prevails. May God touch hearts and minds, to see God in everyone. And when they do see it, may they find the courage to stand up and be counted as peacemakers, and find a new purpose in life.

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

**READER:** We hold before God those in positions of power and leadership; that they might be guided by the Holy Spirit and exercise their influence with a commitment to love and justice. In all they do, may they endeavour to serve others rather than to be served.

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

**READER:** We pray for those caught up in conflict and war, and we pray for peace in the wider world. May the hearts of the warmongers be changed and become filled with compassion and the love of God.

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

**READER:** We pray for the work of Catholic Evangelisation, in which we all have a role, in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with others. Equip us to be messengers of your Word; may we never shy away from opportunities to tell others about you.

(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: Bernadette Harris, Father Paul Johnson, Paul Malone, Dymphna McKiernan, Robin Easterby, John Pears, Gilbert Anderson, Mavis Reynolds, Delia Finnegan, Father Tony Rohan, Andrew Lockington, Katherine – Duchess of Kent, Denis Linehan, Doctor Denys Nicol and Sister Maura Magner. We also remember those with anniversaries at this time.

**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 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:** God of grace, we commit our prayers to you, in the certain knowledge that you hear and respond. Amen.