

PRIEST: Lord, today we are reminded that whoever believes in you receives eternal life. Help us to walk in your light, hear our prayers we bring before you.

READER: We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo, as he reminds us *‘God became flesh in Jesus so that the clay of our humanity, shaped by the breath of His grace, might receive a new light, one capable of helping us to see ourselves, others, and God in truth.’* Help us to walk in light this Lent. (Pause) **Lord hear us. Response:** Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for all those affected by the recent meningitis outbreak. We pray especially for the two young people that have died in Canterbury and all students who are being treated in hospital with the illness. (Pause)
Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray all those around the globe who are hungry and suffer from malnutrition. May we, who have enough, help those most in need and may those in authority work to bring such suffering to an end. (Pause). **Lord hear us. Response:** Lord graciously hear us.

READER: As spring highlights the newness in nature, help us, too, to feel the newness that Lent provides. A time for reflection, awakening and spirit renewal as we approach the joy of Easter. (Pause) **Lord hear us. Response:** Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for those who have died recently: **Father Joseph, Brenda Carney, Patricia Butler, Clare Klein, Paulina Samathar, Cornelius Callanan, Laurence Marie Knight, Stephen Jenkins, Chris Johnson, Mary Munko, Mary Louisa Law, Veronica Pickering, Frank Byrne, Geraldine McHugh, Francis Mazone, Margaret Stanley, Margaret McCabe, Delia Quinn and Bridget Mary Williams.** We also remember all 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 **Angela Keating, Benjamin Wort, Lilian, 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, Father Michael White, Breda Fleming, Juliana Benjamin, Wilson Cotton, Angela Hyland, Noreen O’Connor, Larry Perkins, Tom Duffy, Aggie O’Reilly, Teresa Toher** 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: Loving Lord, you are so merciful and forgiving. Help us to be missionaries of mercy and kindness this Lent. Amen.