

PRIEST: With trust in our loving Father, who calls us to follow him in faith and action, let us bring our prayers before him. Like the son who changed his mind and went to work in his father's vineyard, may we be willing to turn to God and put our faith into action.

READER: As we hold Pope Leo in our prayers, we ask that he might continue to speak clearly for peace, justice and the dignity of every human being (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for all those living through war and violence, especially the people of Ukraine, Gaza and the wider Holy Land, and for those caught up in conflicts in Sudan, Myanmar and elsewhere. We remember those who have lost homes and loved ones. May those in positions of power choose the challenging work of peace. (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for all those who are experiencing the effects of a changing climate. As communities face floods, droughts, extreme heat and the loss of homes and livelihoods, we pray that governments, businesses and individuals might make whatever changes they can to lessen their impact on the natural world. (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We remember our own communities, especially those within them who feel isolated, unwelcome or forgotten. We pray for families under pressure, for young people facing an uncertain future and for those who find it difficult to cope with the demands of everyday life. May our churches be places where people can find friendship, practical help and a sense of belonging (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We give thanks for the work of Father Hudson's Society in our diocese; for those who work within the organisation and for those who benefit from the work of Father Hudson's Society. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for those who have died recently: **Father Christopher Fitzpatrick, Philomena Kenny, Tony Duffy, Paul Ralph Stokes, Pete Foley, Bob Dipple, Geraldine McAndrew, Pat Costello, William Moore and Christopher Pedley.** 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 **Father Pat Sayles, Angela Keating, Philomena Gallagher, Helen Brookes, Briege Williams, Jonathan Williams, Father Michael White, Larry Perkins, Tom Duffy, Vito and Ledda Piccolo, Ronan Gosh, Mary Cassidy, Jess Stanton, Graham Sampson, Edward O'Prey and Karen Beale.** (Pause). Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

Let us ask Our Lady, 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: God of compassion, as we pray for change, show us how we can play our own part in bringing it about. Give us courage and discernment to know where we can make a difference, and patience when change is slow. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.