

PRIEST: God of mercy, you invite us to place our trust in you. And so, we bring our prayers before you with confidence in your loving care.

READER: We pray for Pope Leo, joining our prayers to his call for a just peace in the Holy Land. Our heartfelt prayer today is for real, lasting peace to come at last to this troubled land. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for those affected by devastating wildfires. We remember those who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods, those forced to evacuate, and the firefighters and emergency services who risk their lives to save and protect others. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We ask God to bring comfort and hope to those affected by the earthquake in Japan, and to bestow courage and strength on those involved in the rescue effort. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for farmers and those whose livelihoods are affected by the hot, dry weather. May the decisions made by our leaders and policymakers reflect a concern for our environment and for nature. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: As many families embark on their summer break, we pray for safe journeys, joyful moments of companionship and opportunities for rest and renewal. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for those who have died recently: Tony Duffy, Pete Foley, Michael Joseph O'Mahony, Sonya O'Shea, Bob Dipple, Glynis Hawkins, Philip Gartland, Henry Oliver Price, James Harding, Helen Mary McGrath, Nicholas Ian Barnett, Susan Kelly, Reginald Harding, John Burke, David and Edna Powers, Geraldine McAndrew and Julie Agnew. 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 and Philomena Kenny. (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: Heavenly Father, you are our strength and our hope. Keep our hearts centred on you, that we may live each day in faith, hope and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.