### Prayer of the Faithful

# 1st Sunday of Lent, Year C

### Presider

As we enter into the Lenten season, we recognise our need to pray each day for peace, for reconciliation and healing, and for an end to violence in our world.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and all bishops and priests of our Church. May their voices be heard as they call on all people to reflect on the significance of the Lenten season as a time of humility, generosity and reconciliation.

Lord, hear us.
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

As we witness the devastation unleashed by the war in Ukraine and by the recent floods on the east coast of Australia, we pray for our world and for our nation. During this time of upheaval and uncertainty, may leaders, governments, corporations and individuals respond with courage, compassion and unity of purpose to bring hope to the distressed and aid to those most in need.

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We pray for all catechumens and candidates presenting themselves for reception into the Church at the Rite of Election in the cathedral this Sunday. May we grow with them in the life Christ has shared with us.

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We pray for our faith community. During this Lenten season, may we heed Jesus’ call to us to repent and believe in the Good News.

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We pray for the sick and for those who minister to them.
We commend to your love those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be welcomed into your kingdom and find the peace and happiness promised to them.

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### Presider

Heavenly Father, in your mercy, help us in this season of repentance to remember the needy, the poor and the sick. We ask this in Jesus’ name.
**Amen.**