### Prayer of the Faithful

# 1st Sunday of Lent, Year C

### Presider

As we enter the Lenten season, we recognise our need to pray each day for peace, 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 for all people to reflect on the significance of the Lenten season as a time of personal reconciliation.

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

In acknowledging International Women’s Day, we salute women through prayer for how they support family, community and the Church, especially in the area of pastoral care.

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We pray for Project Compassion during Lent. May peoples’ efforts and sacrifices strengthen their awareness so that they can respond to the needs of the poor.

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

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We pray for all who are sick and for all 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 that was promised to them.

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### Presider

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