

Palm Sunday

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant:

Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who endured His passion and death so as to rise to new life, we bring our prayers in confidence to God for He has done great things for love of us.

1. As Holy Week begins, we pray for Pope Francis, that he will have the health, strength and courage to lead the world to a deeper understanding of Jesus as the way, the truth and the life. **Lord, hear us.**

2. For those in positions of government and civil leadership; help them to govern wisely and justly. May they recognise in Jesus the model for leadership and humble service. **Lord, hear us.**

3. For those in our judicial system: may they administer justice with integrity and always in the pursuit of truth. **Lord, hear us.**

4. For the followers of Jesus Christ: like Veronica may we never be afraid of reaching out with compassion and love to those often forgotten or rejected by an indifferent and sometimes hostile world. **Lord, hear us.**

5. We pray for peace in our world and especially an end to the conflict in Ukraine. May God's presence and a spirit of humility and reconciliation guide negotiations which secure lasting peace and stability. **Lord, hear us.**

6. For all who take up their cross as followers of Christ. May *'every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father'*. **Lord, hear us.**

7. For those who are suffering, those who feel the Lord has '*forsaken*' them. May they unite their suffering to those of Christ and know the power of his strength in their weakness. **Lord, hear us.**

8. For the work of Trócaire in Zimbabwe and Ukraine this Lent. May our generous support alleviate the suffering of our brothers and sisters. **Lord, hear us.**

9. For all preparing for baptism, and for those Christians seeking to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church, may they be drawn more deeply into the saving mystery of Christ's death and Resurrection. **Lord, hear us.**

10. As Christ endured his Passion, may His saving death restore in us a deep reverence and respect for every human life, for which He sacrificed His own life. **Lord, hear us.**

11. For all who have died; that the suffering and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ may lead them to the joy of rising again. **Lord, hear us.**

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O God of love and mercy, from the cross your Son cried out to you in complete trust. Hear the prayer of your people baptized in his image as we begin this holiest of weeks. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the crucified and risen one, who is Lord forever and ever. **Amen.**

(Please note: The Presider may choose an appropriate number of prayers from these sample Prayers of the Faithful.)