

Second Sunday of Lent

Prayers of the Faithful (C)

Celebrant:

Let us turn in trust and prayer to the Lord who is our stronghold and our life.

1. With Pope Francis we pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For the leaders of the world's nations, for economists and for politicians, may they work to bring true and lasting peace to Ukraine, stability to the world's economy, and justice for those displaced from their homeland. **Lord, hear us.**
3. As God enters a covenant with Abram '*terror seized him*'. We pray for the Ukrainian people and the terror that has befallen families caught in a war not of their own making. May they '*Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.*' **Lord, hear us.**
4. We pray for those preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at Easter. As they '*seek*' the face of the Lord, may the season of Lent be a time of grace and enlightenment for each one. **Lord, hear us.**
5. St. Paul expresses his sorrow at being separated from the Christian community in Philippi. We pray for the many Ukrainian families separated from one another; protect them in their time of need and reunite them in safety when peace is restored. **Lord, hear us.**
6. We pray for calm in this time of uncertainty. Inspire those with responsibility for maintaining food and fuel supplies with a spirit of resourcefulness. Help us make responsible choices in our consumption and the sharing of resources. **Lord, hear us.**

7. For all the baptised, may the example of their lives provide a credible witness to the generous love of the Lord who lived, died and rose from the dead. **Lord, hear us.**

8. Help us cultivate a spirit of prayer in our daily lives, that in the still presence of the Lord, our hearts and minds may draw ever closer to Christ and 'listen to him'. **Lord, hear us.**

9. For all who are sick, that they will be comforted by the healing presence of Christ. **Lord, hear us.**

10. For all who have died, transfigure their bodies 'into copies of his own glorious body'. **Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant:

Loving God, we are your servants who trust in you, even in the midst of affliction: hear our prayers and help us to walk in your presence all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**