

First Sunday of Lent (A)

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant:

In this time of Lent, God's word commands repentance and change of heart. Strengthened by its teaching, we come to you Father, and ask that you hear our prayers.

1. For the Church: that through her mission and ministry in the world, we all may draw from the Gospel of Christ, the courage and strength we need to face all the challenges in our daily lives. **Lord Hear Us.**

2. For those in public office: that they may never be distracted by the empty promises that power and earthly glory offers, but keep their hearts and minds focussed on the service they render in response to love of God and neighbour. **Lord Hear Us.**

3. For a desire not to be ruled by evil that threatens to dominate the world: we pray for the grace to reject the bread that does not lead to eternal life, the lure of possessions, gossip, self-centredness and un-forgiveness. **Lord Hear Us.**

4. For our community: that we may have a deeper understanding of the need for prayer, fasting and almsgiving in our lives as we continue on our Lenten journey. **Lord Hear Us.**

5. For those in need: that through our acts of kindness, generosity and hospitality, the poor, the homeless, the Ukrainian refugees, those displaced by the earthquake in Syria and Turkey, the forgotten and marginalised may experience our love, care and support during this holy Season of grace. **Lord Hear Us.**

6. For our beloved dead and all those we pray for today: may they find in the Heavenly Homeland, eternal rest with the Lord. **Lord Hear Us.**

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Father, your Son Jesus Christ showed us how to overcome temptation. Fill us with the grace, open our eyes to your deeds and our ears to the sound of your call to be faithful to you in all things. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**