

First Sunday of Lent
Prayers of the Faithful (C)
(Rite of Election 2022)

Celebrant:

As we begin the Lenten journey, we call on the name of the Lord and ask for his help as we bring our prayers to the Father.

1. For the Church on its synodal pathway: attentive to the Holy Spirit and faithful to the Gospel, may we participate more fully in the mission of Jesus Christ. **Lord, hear us.**

2. We pray for Ukraine and her people; transform minds and hearts that perpetuate conflict and war. May the God of tender mercy bring an end to suffering and guide our feet into the way of peace. **Lord, hear us.**

3. We pray for the work of Trócaire and its Lenten Campaign. May our practical generosity, our genuine solidarity and Christian charity alleviate suffering, hunger and poverty. **Lord, hear us.**

4. *‘Filled with the Holy Spirit’*, Jesus was *‘led by the Spirit’*; we pray for all preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Open their hearts to Your Spirit, that planted in faith and grounded in love, they may bear witness to Christ by the manner of their lives. **Lord, hear us.**

5. For those who govern the nations and kingdoms of our world; guide them by the Spirit in the decisions they make. May they use their power wisely in defence of the vulnerable, the poor, the marginalised, and the pursuit of peace. **Lord, hear us.**

6. For those who hunger for the Word of God and the Bread of Life; in their Lenten preparation, reveal to them the mystery of the word made flesh, living among us. **Lord, hear us.**
7. *‘Jesus understands our weakness, he was tempted in every way that we are, but he did not sin’* (Heb 4:15). Through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving deepen within us a spirit of self-denial that we may grow stronger in holiness and more loving towards others. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For Catechumens preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Communion at the Easter Vigil. May they continue to grow in their knowledge and love of God, and acknowledge Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. **Lord, hear us.**
9. For Candidates preparing for the gift of the Holy Spirit and to take their place at Christ’s Eucharistic table. May they hear the Lord’s call to conversion and be ever faithful to their baptismal covenant. **Lord, hear us.**
10. For advances in medical research: inspired by the beauty of human life, may researchers seek to be co-workers with God in alleviating the suffering and pain of those who are sick. **Lord, hear us.**
11. For those who have died; may they know the perfection and fulfilment of God’s love in heaven. **Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant:

Heavenly Father, we pray for your blessings as we strive to grow in holiness and faith this Lent. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.