

# SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL FOR EACH SUNDAY OF LENT

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada invites you to add the following prayer intentions, which reflect the theme of this year's Share Lent campaign, to the prayers of the faithful for each Sunday of Lent. Each intention should be adapted to correspond to the formulation of the intentions presented in Living with Christ for these dates. The universal prayer suggested for the 5th Sunday of Lent may be used in part or in full, according to the practices of your parish.

March 10<sup>th</sup>

## First Sunday of Lent

For all those forced to flee their homes, that they may meet along their journey others who offer them a helpful hand and are compassionate to the struggles they face, we pray to the Lord.

March 17<sup>th</sup>

## Second Sunday of Lent

For all those forced to flee their homes, that they may be heard, listened to, respected and accompanied in dignity during their journey, we pray to the Lord.

March 24<sup>th</sup>

## Third Sunday of Lent

For all those forced to flee their homes, that they may find comfort in knowing that we are committed to encountering migrants and refugees who live in our neighbourhoods, we pray to the Lord.

March 31<sup>st</sup>

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

For all those forced to flee their homes, that our welcome ensures that they can live with dignity, fulfill their potential and participate in the life of their new community here among us, we pray to the Lord.

April 7<sup>th</sup>

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

We suggest that you use this Prayer of the Faithful on Solidarity Sunday, which is celebrated as part of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's Share Lent campaign.

## Introduction

Let God enlighten and transform our lives so that love, justice and peace can reign on Earth. With confidence, let us present to God the needs of the Church and of our world.

God of love and peace, hear our prayer.

## Intentions

For the children, women and men in our world, who are forced to flee their homes because of war, persecution, natural disasters, extreme poverty and the destruction of their environment, we pray to the Lord.

For the members of our Church, that they may carry the message of Pope Francis to open our hearts to migrants and refugees and respond with solidarity and mercy to the vast movements of migration in the world today. We pray to the Lord.

For our world leaders, that together they may find diplomatic and peaceful solutions to the root causes of forced migration, we pray to the Lord.

For the members of the Canadian government, that they may guarantee support to the children, women and men who have had to flee their homes as well as to the communities that welcome them, we pray to the Lord.

For the members of our Christian community, that, in the Spirit of the Gospel, we may go out to meet those migrants and refugees who live among us, let us pray to the Lord.

For the partners of Development and Peace throughout the world, that through our support they may continue to build a world of love, of solidarity, of justice and of peace, we pray to the Lord.

## Concluding prayer

God our Father, we believe that every human being should flourish in a community where solidarity, justice and peace reign. May all your children be surrounded by care and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

April 14<sup>th</sup>

## Palm Sunday

For the children, women and men of our world, that we may together foster communion in love, fraternity, justice, sharing and peace, we pray to the Lord.