

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

February 21st

First Sunday of Lent

For peacemakers around the world who promote social justice, mutual respect and peaceful coexistence, let us pray to the Lord.

February 28st

Second Sunday of Lent

For humanitarian workers around the world who bring hope and comfort to people affected by natural and man-made disasters as well as the current pandemic, let us pray to the Lord.

March 7th

Third Sunday of Lent

For protectors of the Earth around the world who care for species and preserve the biodiversity of the Earth, our common home, let us pray to the Lord.

March 14th

Fourth Sunday of Lent

For human rights defenders around the world who advocate for the protection and respect of civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights, let us pray to the Lord.

March 21st

Fifth Sunday of Lent

We suggest that you include these intentions on the Fifth Sunday of Lent as part of Development and Peace's *Share Lent* campaign.

Introduction

Our Lord Jesus invites us to put the service of others at the centre of our faith. In communion with our sisters and brothers from all over the world, let us confidently present our prayer intentions and those of the Church to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Intentions

For the millions of people around the world plunged into fear, insecurity or abandonment by the pandemic, such as the elderly; may they find compassion, peace and hope in better days. Let us pray to the Lord.

For charitable organizations that help impoverished and marginalized people; may they always keep the hope of a fairer world alive. Let us pray to the Lord.

For the political and economic leaders of all nations; following the example of the Good Samaritan, may their decisions be inspired by love and universal fraternity. Let us pray to the Lord.

For our Church; may she continue to promote the common good through dialogue, peace, reconciliation, and spiritual healing. Let us pray to the Lord.

For members of our community; may they act in solidarity with their sisters and brothers around the world in protecting God's Creation, our common home. Let us pray to the Lord.

For Development and Peace's partners; may they continue, through our support, to build a world of kindness, justice and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

Concluding prayer

God our Father, receive the prayers that we raise to you, that together we can build your kingdom of love, peace, and justice. We ask this through your Son Jesus who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

March 28th

Palm Sunday

For Development and Peace's partners around the world who promote solidarity, mutual aid, reconciliation, and peace, let us pray to the Lord.