

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

In his video message of May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, Pope Francis invited us to pray with him so that “in all countries of the world women may be honoured, respected and valued for their essential contribution to society.” In view of this, and as part of our Lenten campaign, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada recommends that you add one or two of the Pope’s prayer intentions to the suggestions for the prayers of the faithful for each Sunday of Lent.



That the undeniable contribution of women in all areas of human activity be recognized and valued, we pray to the Lord.

God of the Universe, hear our prayer.

That the sexual violence against women and girls here and elsewhere be condemned, we pray to the Lord.

God of the Universe, hear our prayer.

That the obstacles that prevent women’s full integration into social, political, and economic life be eliminated, we pray to the Lord.

God of the Universe, hear our prayer.

That women of every nation and culture be honoured and respected, we pray to the Lord.

God of the Universe, hear our prayer.

That women and men learn to work together, in equal partnership, each valuing the gifts of the other, we pray to the Lord.

God of the Universe, hear our prayer.



## **We pray for the women of Honduras**

That the women of Honduras who courageously advocate to protect the land may live on it and cultivate it to feed their families and communities, we pray to the Lord.

God of the Universe, hear our prayer.



## **We pray for the women of South Sudan and Syria**

That the women of South Sudan and Syria may live in peace and security in their countries, we pray to the Lord.

God of the Universe, hear our prayer.



## **We pray for the girls and women of Afghanistan**

That the fundamental rights of Afghan girls and women, especially their right to receive an education, be respected, we pray to the Lord.

God of the Universe, hear our prayer.



## **We pray for the girls and women of the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

That the girls and women of the Democratic Republic of the Congo cease to be victims of the scourge of sexual violence that is ravaging their country, we pray to the Lord.

God of the Universe, hear our prayer.



## **We pray for Indigenous girls and women here at home and elsewhere**

That the rights of Indigenous girls and women here and elsewhere be respected, and that all forms of violence against them cease, we pray to the Lord.

God of the Universe, hear our prayer.



## **We pray for the advent of an egalitarian world**

The political bodies and civil society organizations work toward building an equal and just world, we pray to the Lord.

God of the Universe, hear our prayer.



## **We pray for recognition of the role of women in our Church**

That the faithful listen attentively to the voice of women in the great decision-making moments in the life of the Church, we pray to the Lord.

God of the Universe, hear our prayer.



## **We pray for the members of our community**

That our local communities work in solidarity to improve the living conditions of women here and elsewhere, we pray to the Lord.

God of the Universe, hear our prayer.

