

Lord,
*bless your people in every nation.
 Bless all who turn to you
 on Women's World Day of Prayer
 and in your loving kindness
 grant their petitions.*

Father,
 you have given all peoples
 one common origin,
 and your will is to gather them
 as one family in yourself.
 Fill the hearts of all women
 with the fire of your love
 and the desire to ensure
 justice for all.

Hear the prayers offered to you
 by women throughout the world
 for an end to all division
 and a human society
 built on love and peace.

RM 822 (adapted)

*Come to me, all you who labour
 and are overburdened,
 and I will give you rest.*
 Matthew 11:28

Lord,
 hear the prayers of those
 who call on you,
 forgive the sins of those
 who confess to you,
 and in your merciful love
 give us your pardon
 and your peace.
 RM 846

*Father of mercies
 and God of all consolation,
 you do not wish the sinner to die
 but to be converted and live.*

*Bring back the wanderer,
 strengthen the penitent.
 Bless your people,
 that they may turn from their sins
 and live for you alone.*
 cf Rite of Penance 117

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Lent

B*ecause the joy and hope, the
 struggle and anguish of the
 people of this age and especially
 of the poor and those suffering in
 any way are the joy and hope, the
 struggle and anguish of Christ's
 disciples, the Church prays not
 just for its own needs but for the
 salvation of the world.*

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The Bishops of England and Wales invite you to join in the Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for the current intentions, both with your parish community and in your own personal prayers. On some days these intentions will be included in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass. Also it is hoped that vigils and other prayer services will be held.

This leaflet is one of a series which offers a selection of prayers and texts on the intentions of the Cycle of Prayer which may be used in private or public worship.

Throughout Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions

LENT

Candidates for the Sacraments

especially on the Sundays of Lent

The Needy and Hungry of the World

*especially on Lent Fast Day
(Friday of the first week in Lent)*

Women's World Day of Prayer

(first Friday in March)

Penitents and Wanderers

CANDIDATES FOR THE SACRAMENTS

*They are happy,
whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.*
Ps 32:12

God has saved us by living water which gives our lives a fresh beginning and he put his Spirit in us, so that healed by his grace, we may share his life and hope to live for ever.
Titus 3:5-7

Lord enlighten your chosen ones with the word of life. Give them a new birth in the waters of baptism, and make them living members of the Church.
RM 755

Lord, may the example of our faith and love help your chosen ones on their way to salvation.
RM 754

In the liturgy and liturgical catechesis of Lent the reminder of baptism already received or the preparation for its reception, as well as the theme of repentance, renew the entire community along with those being prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery in which each of the elect will share through the sacraments of initiation.
RCIA 125

Lord,
when did we see you hungry
and feed you;
or thirsty and give you drink?
When did we see you a stranger
and made you welcome;
naked and clothe you?
Matthew 25:38-39

*Lord,
may we see you in the hungry
and the needy.
Keep us aware of
our Christian duty
to give our sisters and brothers
a just share of what is ours.*
cf RM 834

All powerful Father,
God of goodness,
you provide for all
your creation.
Give us an effective love
for our sisters and brothers
who suffer from lack of food
or other necessities.
Help us to do all we can
to relieve their hunger
and supply their needs,
that they may serve you
with carefree hearts.
RM 834 (adapted)

THE NEEDY AND HUNGRY OF THE WORLD