

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Date:	17 March 2019
Day:	2nd Sunday of Lent Year C

<i>Priest's introduction</i>	The Lord is our light and our help, the stronghold of our life. Let us call on Him for our needs and the needs of the world.
<i>Intention 1</i>	<p>Let us pray that the Church will be as full of faith as Abraham who put his trust in the Lord; may the Church be courageous in upholding the Christian faith and promoting Christian principles. May it support all Christian communities who are suffering persecution around the world.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pause</i></p> <p>Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer</p>
<i>Intention 2</i>	<p>Let us pray for the leaders of nations that their policies and actions will promote peace and unity. We pray especially for unity and tolerance in our own country at this difficult and unsettled time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pause</i></p> <p>Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer</p>
<i>Intention 3</i>	<p>We pray for those in trouble: the poor, the sick in mind or body, those facing redundancy; may we be alert to their needs and generous in our service to them. May the Lord comfort them and bring relief to their suffering.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pause</i></p> <p>Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer</p>
<i>Intention 4</i>	<p>St Paul calls us to follow his rule of life. Let us pray that, encouraged by this holy season of Lent, we will lift our minds above earthly things and look upwards to seek the glorious face of Jesus.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pause</i></p> <p>Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer</p>
	<i>If the celebrant wishes, an extra, last-minute intention may be added here by hand before Mass.</i>
<i>Intention 5</i>	<p>We pray for all those who have died that they will be welcomed into heaven and receive everlasting life.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pause</i></p> <p>Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer</p>
	Let us ask Our Lady to join her prayers with ours as we say: Hail Mary...
<i>Priest's prayer</i>	Heavenly Father, hear these prayers and grant that what we ask, in hope and faith, we may obtain through Your Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.