

General intercessions

First Sunday in Lent (B)

Celebrant: Gathered in the name of Christ we humbly come before the Father to present our needs.

Reader

That the Church may show the world the way to God through repentance and prayer:

Lord, hear us ...

That our civic leaders may encourage everyone to work together to seek peace and justice for all, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine:

Lord, hear us ...

That, as God made a covenant with all living things, so we His people may grow in our respect for life and actively protect it:

Lord, hear us ...

That our personal observation of Lent may lead us to a deeper appreciation of the Lord's offering of his life for us,

Lord, hear us ...

That the sick, the suffering and the fearful may be comforted by the strength of Christ's presence in their hearts:

Lord, hear us ...

That those who have died may rest beside the loving presence of the saints and angels:

Lord, hear us ...

Celebrant:

Let us seek the prayers of Mary, Mother of Mercy, *Hail, Mary...*

Almighty God, you are the source of our hope and strength. As you answer our prayers, keep us always close to you, and bring us salvation. Through Christ our Lord.