

The General Intercessions 2nd April 2023

Palm Sunday

Introduction

Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who endured His passion and death so as to rise to new life, we bring our prayers in confidence to God for He has done great things for love of us.

Prayers

As Holy Week begins, we pray for Pope Francis's health to improve, that he will have enough strength to return to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday, concluding with the 'Urbi et Orbi' Blessing, a time when the world is nearing a nuclear war.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for peace in our world and especially an end to the conflict in Ukraine. May God's presence and a spirit of humility and reconciliation guide negotiations which secure lasting peace and stability.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for those in positions of government and civil leadership; help them to govern wisely and justly. May they recognise in Jesus the model for leadership and humble service. We especially remember a number of priests and a Bishop imprisoned in Nicaragua, may their freedom be returned.

Lord, hear us.

For the followers of Jesus Christ: like Veronica may we never be afraid of reaching out with compassion and love to those often forgotten or rejected by an indifferent and sometimes hostile world.

Lord, hear us.

For the work of Trócaire in Somalia and Ukraine this Lent. May our generous support, both with prayers and finance, alleviate the suffering of our brothers and sisters.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for those whom this Mass is been offered,

And we pray for the recently deceased,

<See List>.

Lord, hear us.

Let us place these prayers into the hands of our Blessed Mother, as we pray:

Hail Mary, full of grace. Our Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Conclusion

O God of love and mercy, from the cross your Son cried out to you in complete trust. With that same trust, hear the prayer of your people as we ask them in the name of Jesus, the crucified and risen one, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.