

\THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS.

Prayers of Intercession for Sunday 02.10.2022

Celebrant: Today we celebrate how even faith as tiny as a mustard seed can remove obstacles as big as a mulberry tree. We ask St. Therese of Lisieux and St. Francis of Assisi, whose feasts are this week, to guide us.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

1. For the Church: We pray for your Church, Pope Francis, Bishop Marcus, Father Keiron and all clergy and religious, that with the help of the Holy Spirit, they will look after the precious teaching of the Gospel and be good servants of the Lord. **Lord, hear us . . .**

2. For those in public authority: We pray for those in public authority, especially our new King, Charles and the new Government. Help them to discern what is good for the people and not bring contention, discord and hardship on them. **Lord, hear us . . .**

3. For those burdened by war and climate change: We pray for those burdened with difficulties, financial, emotional, physical, facing oppression, injustice, tyranny and violence all over the world, caused by war and climate change. Please give us the faith to keep praying for them and help us to know when we can give help and support. **Lord, hear us . .**

4. For the local community: We pray for the local community, many of whom will be worried about the future, facing financial hardship, often for the first time. Please help those who run food banks and community projects to keep going, and to believe that help will come, slow but unfailing. **Lord, hear us . . .**

5. For Our Lady's intercession: Let us pray to Mary, the mother of our Lord, to intercede for us with the Father – for she is Our Lady of Unfailing Help: **Hail Mary...**

The Silence

Let us add our own personal prayers and petitions in the silence of our hearts

Celebrant: Merciful Father, please accept the prayers we offer You, that we may not lose faith when faced with the daily challenges of this world. **Amen.**