

BIDDING PRAYERS: W/ENDING 7-8th MARCH 2026

Celebrant:

1. As we move through Lent with prayer, fasting and alms giving, let us pray for the work of Cafod, and all those who give so generously of their time and money to support their efforts throughout the world. May they reap the reward of making God's creation a fairer and more just place in which to live.

Lord, in your mercy....

2. Let us pray for all those who have suffered and are continuing to suffer as a result of the conflict in the Middle East. We pray for all world leaders and those in authority, that they understand and accept their responsibilities to act justly and fairly in all that they say and do. We continue to remember in our prayers the people of Ukraine and all they have suffered as they move into a fourth year of war.

Lord, in your mercy....

3. We pray for the Christian church throughout the world, especially in those countries where the followers of Christ are unable to practice their religion openly and freely without fear of discrimination, imprisonment or even death. May all humanity learn from the example of Christ to live in peace and harmony.

Lord, in your mercy...

4. We pray for a recognition of people's need for clean, safe water wherever they may live. We ask for a sense of responsibility in protecting this vital element for both humans and animals, and pray that we are all aware of the need to avoid wasting this essential resource.

Lord, in your mercy....

Let us add our own private petitions and prayers in a few moments of silence.

We ask Our Lady, the mother of the church, to add her petitions to ours as we say
"Hail, Mary....."

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