

BIDDING PRAYERS: W/ENDING 17/18TH FEB 2024

Celebrant.....

1. As we move into the 6 weeks of Lenten preparation for Easter, let us remember the sufferings of Jesus as he spent 40 days in the wilderness, experiencing hardship, loneliness, hunger and temptation. Let us pray for the strength and courage to follow his example, to deprive ourselves of the luxuries we are used to, and focus on the needs of the poor and destitute. **Lord, in your mercy....**

2. Next Friday is Cafod's Family Fast Day for Lent. We give thanks for the support and aid given by all aid agencies to our brethren all over the world who are suffering in so many unimaginable ways. We pray that our Lenten sacrifices will go some way to alleviating their hardships and privations. **Lord, in your mercy....**

3. We pray for peace in our troubled world, in Ukraine, the Holy Land, Yemen and all places where conflict is destroying lives and hope. May the love of Christ open people's hearts to the joy of love and understanding. **Lord, in your mercy....**

4. Let us pray for all those who are sick or injured in mind or body, for their families and friends as they try to support them, and all those in the medical professions who care for them. May God help and support them in their hour of need. **Lord, in your mercy.....**

Let us now spend a few moments in silent prayer as we add our own personal petitions.....

We ask Our Lady to hear our prayers and present them to her son as we say **"Hail, Mary...."**

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