

Celebrant: Dear friends, Jesus taught us to pray with confidence and persistence.
In that spirit let us turn to God in prayer with faith-filled hearts.

- 1 We pray for Pope Francis and the priests of our Church who lead us in prayer:
may Jesus foster in them a deep sense of response to the Spirit, as he taught
his disciples. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
Lord hear our prayer.
- 2 We pray for a world-wide groundswell of mercy: that nations, communities
and families will practise forgiveness and foster healing. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 3 For all who are campaigning to end the trafficking of persons: that their
combined efforts will bring criminal operators to justice. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 4 We pray for the needs of the local community: may the Lord's Prayer be a
source of inspiration, especially for those who struggle to find their own words
to pray. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 5 As we begin our Archdiocesan 'Take the Way of the Gospel' mission
journey: we pray the Holy Spirit guide us in discerning the best way forward.
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 6 For those who are sick in our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers:
may they know the presence of God - especially Joe Grech, Windsor Jones,
Aaron D'Ortona, Nunzio Di Gioia, Mary Theuma, Kevin Scanlon, John Moore,
Oscar Ferrante, Anna Romeo, Rosalind Vincent, Josephina Varghese, Marie
Virag, Kath Leyden, Dalmiro Bellio, Lamberto Cruz, Pasquale Buonomo and
Sofia Ruggiero. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 7 For the recently deceased, especially : Radosav Srejjic, Antonina Garra,
Geoffrey Ronald Hodgson and for those whose anniversaries occur about
this time especially, Gilda Miraglia, Salvatore Spataro, Felice (Felix) Alessi,
Lino Carbone, Gertude Watts and Gerard Temming. May they be brought
to the fullness of life with Christ. [pause] **Lord hear us.**

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**Loving God and Father of Jesus,
you never cease to forgive and heal us.
Give us hearts of mercy for all.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**