

Celebrant: As we enter into the Lenten season, we recognise our need to pray each day for peace, for reconciliation and healing, and for an end to violence in our world.

- 1 We pray for all Christian believers: that they will confess with their lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in their hearts that God raised him from the dead.
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
Lord hear our prayer.
- 2 We pray for those in Ukraine who suffer grievously, for all who take decisions around the world, and for the people and leaders of Russia: that God would move in their hearts and guide their steps and plans.
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 3 In acknowledging International Women’s Day, in prayer we salute women for the support they provide to family, community and the Church, especially in the area of pastoral care.
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 4 We pray for Project Compassion during Lent: may the efforts and sacrifices people make so strengthen their awareness that they can respond to the needs of the poor.
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 5 We pray for the areas in Queensland and New South Wales suffering from floods: may they receive necessary support.
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 6 We pray for the sick among us and for all who have asked for our prayers especially: Oscar Serrate, Peter Cushen, Anna Romeo, Rosalind Vincent, Josephina Varghese, Marie Virag, Kath Leyden, Amelie Gutierrez, Dalmiro Bellio, Lamberto Cruz, Pasquale Buonomo and Sofia Ruggiero.
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 7 For those who have died recently especially Leopoldo Carullo and Giusepina Arena and those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Savatore & Concetta Serini and Verio Vido. May they be welcomed into your kingdom and find the peace and happiness promised to them.
[pause] **Lord hear us.**

Celebrant:

**Heavenly Father,
in your mercy, help us in this season of repentance
to remember the needy, the poor and the sick.
We ask this in Jesus’ name.
Amen.**