

Celebrant: Dear friends, Jesus calls on us to draw from the store of goodness in our hearts. In that spirit let us pray lovingly for all our sisters and brothers.

1 For Pope Francis and other religious leaders: that they will model peaceful dialogue and mutual respect at this time of great power rivalry.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

2 For Ukraine and Russia: for wisdom as world leaders maneuver, strategize and speak out: that God would move in their hearts and guide their steps and plans.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

3 For the people of Ukraine: may they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure great suffering and hardship.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

4 For all women and men called to work in God's vineyard: may they be supported in their endeavours, and may they see the fruits of their labour.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

5 For ourselves: that Ash Wednesday will inspire us to undertake renewal of heart and mind this Lent.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

6 We pray for the sick among us and for all who have asked for our prayers especially: 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 John Cocomello, Lidia Giansalvo, Mirella Santoro and Francesca Tardioli and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time especially Betty Verduci, Ragman & Mateya Albetar and Katherine Albetar. May they be welcomed into the eternal kingdom to receive the rewards of their faithful service.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

Celebrant:

Gracious God,

**through the words of our prayers and the actions of our daily lives,
may we be your fruitful vineyard.**

May your peace come to us and to all people.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.