

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL FOR EACH SUNDAY OF LENT

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada invites you to include the following prayer intentions, which reflect the theme of this year’s Share Lent campaign, as part of the Prayers of the Faithful for each Sunday of Lent. Each intention can be adapted by the celebrant and the local community for these dates. The intentions suggested for the 5th Sunday of Lent may be used in part or in full, according to the decision of your pastor and the practices of your parish.

March 1st

First Sunday of Lent

For our common home, that all who dwell on it and are sustained by it may open their eyes to see its precious diversity and appreciate the purpose of each creature. We pray to the Lord.

March 8th

Second Sunday of Lent

For the people who call the Amazon their home, especially its Indigenous and traditional peoples, that they may be heard, listened to, and supported in their defence of God’s beautiful creation. We pray to the Lord.

March 15th

Third Sunday of Lent

For the Indigenous and traditional peoples who are on the frontlines of the struggle to preserve and safeguard the precious habitats of our common home, that their rights may be respected. We pray to the Lord.

March 22nd

Fourth Sunday of Lent

For all of us, that we may awaken to the disproportionate effects of climate change on the people of the Global South, and work together to change habits, structures, and systems that damage our planet, our common home. We pray to the Lord.

March 29th

Fifth Sunday of Lent

We suggest that you include these intentions on Solidarity Sunday as part of Development and Peace’s Share Lent campaign.

Introduction

With confidence, let us present to God the needs of the Church and of our world.

God of justice and peace, hear our prayer.

Intentions

For the millions of children, women, and men whose lives depend on the Amazon, particularly Indigenous peoples, that their way of life be respected and defended by all. We pray to the Lord.

For the Amazon region, whose biodiversity is at risk by the insatiable demand for land, minerals, oil, and lumber, that we strive to preserve this fragile ecosystem so it can continue to benefit the whole human family. We pray to the Lord.

For the governments of Amazonian countries, that they may discern true service to their peoples and diligently work to ensure that the rights of communities are respected even in the face of powerful corporate interests. We pray to the Lord.

For the Government of Canada and all world leaders, that they may come to a fuller appreciation of their responsibility to uphold human dignity and to care for God’s creation. We pray to the Lord.

For the members of our Church, that we may hear the cry of the poor, be inspired to respond and to restore integrity to all of creation. We pray to the Lord.

For our parish, that we may be moved to act in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South, to give generously towards works of justice and peace, and to enter into prayer and discernment about what we can do as a community for the preservation of our common home. We pray to the Lord.

Concluding prayer

God, our Father, hear our prayers and those of all who cry out to you in need, and gather us all into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

April 5th

Palm Sunday

For the children, women and men of our world, that together we may foster care for the Earth and build love, justice, and peace for all of God’s creation. We pray to the Lord.