

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

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada invites you to add the suggested prayer intentions to the prayers of the faithful on each Sunday of Lent. These prayer intentions reflect the theme of this year’s Share Lent campaign.

February 18

First Sunday of Lent

For peacemakers the world over who contribute to peace and reconciliation agreements through dialogue, let us pray to the Lord.

February 25

Second Sunday of Lent

For peacemakers the world over who promote social inclusion and want to end the isolation of people and communities, let us pray to the Lord.

March 4

Third Sunday of Lent

For peacemakers the world over who encourage citizen participation so that all can participate in the improvement of their living environment, let us pray to the Lord.

March 11

Fourth Sunday of Lent

For peacemakers the world over who advocate for ecological justice in order to safeguard the Earth, our common home, and protect the environment, let us pray to the Lord.

March 18

Fifth Sunday of Lent and “Solidarity Sunday”

On this Sunday, we offer you the universal prayer below.

Introduction

Humanity is thirsty for justice and peace. In communion with our sisters and brothers from all over the Earth, let us confidently present our prayer intentions to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer. Make us instruments of your peace.

Intentions

For the women and men at home and from other countries who engage in dialogue through peace and reconciliation processes, let us pray to the Lord.

For parents and educators around the world who encourage young people to resolve conflict through dialogue, negotiation and mediation, let us pray to the Lord.

For the political leaders and diplomats of every country who engage in peace talks to save present and future generations from the scourge of war, let us pray to the Lord.

For displaced persons and refugees who are seeking serenity in a place where their dignity is recognized and respected, let us pray to the Lord.

For the communities of our country that give hope and a future to the refugees we welcome, let us pray to the Lord.

For our Church to continue to commit to dialogue, peace, reciprocal understanding and reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord.

For our parish community and Development and Peace partners who work together for peace, let us pray to the Lord.

The Chair of the Assembly invites members to present their personal intentions to God.

Concluding prayer

God our Father, receive the prayers that we raise to thee. Put on our lips the words that touch the hearts of our sisters and brothers so that together we can build your kingdom of love, peace, and justice, now and for ever, world without end. Amen

March 25

Palm Sunday

For the partners of Development and Peace, who, thanks to our support, create bonds of solidarity and promote dialogue, reconciliation and peace worldwide, let us pray to the Lord.



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