Development and Peace – Caritas Canada invites you to include the following intentions in the Prayer of the Faithful offered each Sunday this Lent, as these intentions reflect the themes explored throughout the Share Lent campaign. Also proposed below are Prayers of the Faithful for the fifth Sunday of Lent, Solidarity Sunday, a nationwide celebration during which a collection is held for Share Lent.

Intentsions

For the peacemakers, who inspire us to Create Hope and Stand for the Land alongside our sisters and brothers in the Global South whose communities and ancestral lands are threatened by large natural resource developments, we pray to the Lord.

For the partners of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada round the world, who give hope, help and comfort to those affected by natural and human-made disasters, we pray to the Lord.

For our sisters and brothers in Colombia who are standing up for the land and the very survival of vulnerable communities, whose fragile ecosystems are at risk of being destroyed by the harmful social and environmental consequences of industrial agriculture and mining, we pray to the Lord.

For our sisters and brothers in Honduras who are defending the rights of all those in their communities, whose homes and environment are threatened by large profit-driven economic developments that could force them off their ancestral lands, we pray to the Lord.

The celebrant then invites the faithful to offer their personal intentions to God.

Concluding prayer

God our Father, receive these prayers that we offer to you, so that together we join in the work of building your Kingdom of love, justice and peace. We ask this of you through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Palm Sunday

For the young people of the world who are mobilizing and calling on world leaders to take concrete action to protect biodiversity and mitigate climate change, which is rendering their present and their future increasingly uncertain, we pray to the Lord.