

Suggested intentions for the Prayers of the Faithful for each Sunday of Lent



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.

FEBRUARY 26

First Sunday of Lent

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.

MARCH 5

Second Sunday of Lent

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

MARCH 12

Third Sunday of Lent

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.

MARCH 19

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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.

MARCH 26

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's Solidarity Sunday
This Sunday, we encourage you to offer up the Prayer of the Faithful below. The introduction, intentions and concluding prayer reflect themes explored throughout the Share Lent campaign.

Introduction

Having heard the Word of God and professed our faith, united in prayer with our sisters and brothers around the world, let us entrust to God our Father the needs of the world, the hopeful expectations of the Church and the aspirations of our hearts. Our response after each intention is: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intentions

- For all the peoples of the Earth, our Common Home, that they join in caring for your Creation and share the resources they draw from it in a just and equitable manner, we pray to the Lord.
- For those with political power in every nation, that they serve the helpless, the poor and the common good, we pray to the Lord.
- For all business leaders around the world, that they have the wisdom to conserve the natural resources and environment of every community, so that all people today and future generations may live with dignity and security, we pray to the Lord.
- For the Church, that she never ceases to proclaim to the world the Good News of the Gospel, as well as the preferential option for the poor, which springs forth from the deep well of faith in Christ, we pray to the Lord.
- For the partners of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, that they may continue, with our support, to build a world of fraternity, solidarity, justice and peace, we pray to the Lord.
- For the members of our community, that we act in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world to protect the Earth and all of Creation, 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.

APRIL 10

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.