

**Prayers of Intercession for the
First Sunday of Lent, 21st February 2021**

Opening Prayer: *So that we may choose the way of God this Lent, let us pray*

Intercessions:

1) **We pray for the Church throughout the world: may she receive refreshment, light and grace this Lent and so be a living sign of God's love and care**

Lord, hear us. R/ Lord, graciously hear us

2) **We pray for those in this community who feel excluded, and for those who work to build bridges: may we grow together in the love of Christ**

Lord, hear us.

3) **We pray that we will use the gift of this time of Lent focus on what is truly important in our lives, and to choose anew the Way of Christ**

Lord, hear us.

4) **We pray for all who are suffering as a result of persecution, warfare, poverty and injustice: may God's care, compassion and respect come anew to the hearts of all peoples**

Lord, hear us.

5) **We pray that who are sick, their families, and all who care for them, may know Christ's care in the support and prayer of his people**

Lord, hear us.

6) **That Janet Murphy, Catherine Cassidy, Kathleen Cox, Catherine Conlan, Maureen Bendle, Angela Lyth, Mary Shannon, Patricia Fisher, Betty Jacobs, Ann Woodfin, Doris Garside, Denise Arathoon, Mary Shone, John Lavender, Francis Bushell, Malcolm Rimmer, Patrick Farrell, Denis Hawthorne, Bill Aldersea and all who have died recently, and all we specially remember at this time, may hear the voice of Christ that calls us all from death to life:**

Lord, hear us.

7) **We now ask Our Blessed Lady and all the saints to join their prayer with ours as we say together.... HAIL MARY etc.....**

For a few moments let us bring our own thoughts and prayers to God

**Concluding Prayer *God our Father, grant us your help, that this during Lent we will seek to grow closer to Jesus, your son, who is Lord forever and ever.
R/Amen***