



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2017

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Prayers of Intercession

Priest: Today we are invited to join the Church around the world to pray for all those living in poverty, both at home and abroad.

Reader:

We pray for the Church throughout the world, that we may discern what it is to be a poor Church for the poor. May we have the courage to respond to the 'cry of the poor' by addressing the underlying issues of social and economic injustice that lead to poverty.

Lord in your mercy, **All:** Hear our prayer.

We pray for all leaders in society. That they will open their eyes to the needs of people living in poverty and use their influence for the good of all.

Lord in your mercy, **All:** Hear our prayer.

We pray for our parish community. That we may work to create a place of welcome and encounter for all people, especially those experiencing poverty.

Lord in your mercy, **All:** Hear our prayer.

For those living in poverty in our local community and around our world. That they may be provided with food and shelter, education and health care, and that they will feel the love of God.

Lord in your mercy, **All:** Hear our prayer.

(Please insert a prayer intention for the sick of your parish)

Lord in your mercy, **All:** Hear our prayer.

(Please insert a prayer intention for those who have died in your parish)

Lord in your mercy, **All:** Hear our prayer.

Let us ask Mary, the Mother of the Lord, to pray for us, as we say:

Hail, Mary....

Let us pray in silence praying for our own needs and intentions.

Priest



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Lord, the Gospel today reminds us to always use the gifts you give us for the work of your Kingdom. Hear our prayers today, and help us to recognise and use those gifts for the good of others, especially those experiencing poverty and oppression. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



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