

Season of Lent : Passion (Palm) Sunday General Intercessions

Priest

Christ submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard.
United with Christ, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For the Church:
that, every day, we may commend our lives to God,
and be renewed in spirit by his presence.

PAUSE for silent prayer — at least five seconds, please. Repeat after each intention.

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

2. For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for our Bishop Paul and all bishops,
for Father Geoffrey and all priests, deacons and religious:
that, like Peter, they may live up to their commitments,
and continue to be inspired by the Holy Spirit.
3. For leaders of Governments throughout the world:
that they recognise in Jesus the model for leadership,
and follow the Lord's example of saving those entrusted to their care.
4. For all people of goodwill:
that every heart may reject violence and force as a means of resolving conflict,
offer support to all who have been injured,
and seek new means of reconciliation and healing;
we pray especially for the people of Ukraine.
5. For all who are sick, and those who are caring for them:
may God's love bring them healing and peace.
6. For all who have died, and for all who are grieving:
that they may experience God's presence, and his abiding peace.
7. Let us hold our branches of palm for the blessing. *Fr G will then say at once, ...*

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Almighty and eternal God,
bless + these palms and make them holy;
and grant that we who joyfully accompany Christ the King today
may by his grace arrive one day
in the new and eternal Jerusalem,
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.