

Season of Lent : Sunday 1C General Intercessions

Priest

On this first Sunday of Lent,
we ask the Lord to strengthen our willpower
so that we hold strong to our Lenten commitments
and rejoice with him at Easter.

Reader

1. We pray for the Church throughout the world,
especially in those countries undergoing the severe trial of persecution:
that it may stand firm and never lose heart.

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

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

2. That this season of Lent
will be a time of reconciliation and growth throughout the world,
in our community, our family, and with our friends.
3. For all world leaders:
that they will carry out their responsibilities with wisdom and integrity,
making the right decisions for the people they lead,
and for the rest of the world.
4. We pray for all who struggle with the temptation of addiction:
that they will be given the strength to cope with their struggles,
and find peace with themselves and with God.
5. For the sick and the housebound:
that they may not lose faith,
but may they see the goodness of God in the tender hands
of those who care for them.
6. We pray for all who have died, especially through war and violence:
that they will find peace in God's heavenly kingdom.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary ...

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Grant us, almighty God,
that through this yearly observance of Lent
we may enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ
and draw upon its power in the way we conduct our lives.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.