



Universal Prayer Lent Year C

Week One

For Pope Francis and the leaders of the Church:

May they through their words and actions reveal for us the Gospel call to live for others, always protecting the vulnerable. [Pause] Lord hear us.

Response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For this community:

May we be the face of God's tender mercy for each other. [Pause] Lord hear us.

Response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Week Two

For world leaders:

May they like Abraham experience in their lives a deeper understanding of their responsibility to create laws and govern through the lens of compassion and integrity that always considers life as sacred. [Pause] Lord hear us.

Response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who feel alone and without hope:

May our outreach as a Catholic community leave no one without a voice.

[Pause] Lord hear us.

Response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Week Three

For the gift of life:

May the compassion of Jesus' love for all of humanity be evident in our response to the laws that erode Gospel values. [Pause] Lord hear us.

Response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the sick:

That whatever their suffering, as a Christian community we support them by valuing the gift of their presence.



[Pause] Lord hear us.

Response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Week Four

For those in our world who are vulnerable:

May the constant example of Jesus' compassion, especially for the vulnerable, be a guide to us of the need to shape our world in whatever way we can to protect the rights of all people. [Pause] Lord hear us.

Response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the elderly:

May we be bearers of hope and love, protecting the rights of elderly people to live a full and happy life. [Pause] Lord hear us.

Response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Week Five

For those searching:

May we open our minds and hearts in generosity to all people who are searching for God's will in their lives by informing ourselves of the teaching of Jesus.

[Pause] Lord hear us.

Response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who care for others:

In the words of Pope Francis "We can never understand Christ's work or Christ himself unless we enter His heart full of compassion". May this challenge be always in our hearts. [Pause] Lord hear us.

Response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.