

Suggested intentions for the Prayers of the Faithful for each Sunday of Lent



Development and Peace — Caritas Canada invites you to include the following intercessions in the Prayer of the Faithful that is offered each Sunday during Lent. These intercessions highlight the themes of our Share Lent campaign. For the fifth Sunday of Lent, Solidarity Sunday, we have included a complete Prayer of the Faithful that we particularly encourage parishes and Christian communities to use, as it reflects the themes of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's nationwide Share Lent campaign.

FEBRUARY 18

First Sunday of Lent

For the small-scale family farmers who feed much of the world's population, that in every country their rights to land, seeds, water, a healthy environment and food sovereignty may be recognized, we pray to the Lord.

FEBRUARY 25

Second Sunday of Lent

For young farmers in Canada and around the world, that they may have access to farmland and the resources they need to develop its potential and meet the food needs of their communities, we pray to the Lord.

MARCH 3

Third Sunday of Lent

For farmers who devote themselves to tilling the land to feed humanity, that they may receive the just and equitable remuneration they need to live adequately and continue their work, we pray to the Lord.

MARCH 10

Fourth Sunday of Lent

For the members of agrarian communities who band together to protect their rights, that they find solutions to common issues related to agriculture, food and natural resource management, we pray to the Lord.

MARCH 17

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's Solidarity Sunday
This Sunday, we encourage you to offer the Prayer of the Faithful below. Its introduction, intentions and concluding prayer reflect themes explored throughout the Share Lent campaign.

Introduction

On this Solidarity Sunday, let us extend our prayer to all humanity, and entrust to God our Father the needs of our world and the aspirations of our hearts.

The response is: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessions

- For the victims of war and armed conflict, that our concern for and solidarity with them may help bring them justice, comfort and peace, we pray to the Lord.
- For those who work in agriculture, that they may receive the recognition they deserve for their indispensable work in the fields, we pray to the Lord.
- For all peoples, that they may work together to safeguard the Earth, our Common Home, and share its resources fairly, we pray to the Lord.
- For the political and business leaders of every country, that they may enact regulations and implement practices that protect the rights of every person, we pray to the Lord.
- For the Church, that she may never cease to proclaim to the world the Good News of the Gospel and the preferential option for the poor, we pray to the Lord.
- For all the members of our Christian community, that we may stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world who are seeking to safeguard the lands, rivers and forests from which they derive their livelihoods, we pray to the Lord.
- For the partners of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada in the Global South, that they may, with our support, continue to create hope and help their communities in reaping their rights and in obtaining justice and peace, we pray to the Lord.

The celebrant invites members of the assembly to present their personal intentions to God.

Concluding prayer

God our Father, receive these prayers that we offer to you. Together, may we help build your Kingdom of love, justice and peace. We ask this of you through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. *Amen.*

MARCH 24

Palm Sunday

For young people around the world, that their rights to mobilize peacefully and call for concrete action from international leaders to protect the environment and mitigate the impacts of climate change may be respected, we pray to the Lord.