

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



Development and Peace — Caritas Canada invites parishes and Christian communities 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*, celebrated across the country, we offer you a complete prayer of the faithful.

FEBRUARY 22

## First Sunday of Lent

For Catholics throughout the world, that they may follow the example of your Son Jesus and commit themselves to the path of justice, solidarity, and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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## Second Sunday of Lent

For the countries of the Global North, that they may recognize their ecological debt to the peoples in countries of the Global South and help them finance projects to adapt to climate change and mitigate its effects, let us pray to the Lord.

MARCH 8

## Third Sunday of Lent *International Women's Day*

For women throughout the world, that their dignity may be respected, their rights upheld, and the discrimination they so often endure come to an end, let us pray to the Lord.

MARCH 15

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

For our sisters and brothers in impoverished countries, that our support may enable them to live with dignity, let us pray to the Lord.

MARCH 29

## Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday

For the young people of the world, that their calls for concrete action leading to greater solidarity, justice and peace may be heard, let us pray to the Lord.

MARCH 22

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

### Solidarity Sunday at Development and Peace — Caritas Canada

#### Introduction :

After listening to the Word of God and professing our faith, let us entrust to God our Father our requests for the Church and the world. After each intention, let us say with confidence:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

#### Intentions :

- For the Church, that she may continue to promote solidarity, peace, justice and the preferential option for the poor, let us pray to the Lord.
- For the Earth, our Common Home, that its resources may be shared equitably among the peoples of all countries, let us pray to the Lord.
- For the international leaders on this World Water Day, that they may work together on international agreements that assure the just and peaceful sharing of water among all nations and peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
- For the Christian communities, that their gatherings may be moments of solidarity, sharing and commitment that bring about the Kingdom of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- For our sisters and brothers who live in poverty and insecurity, that they may be freed from the structures that make and keep them poor, let us pray to the Lord.
- For the partners of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, that with our support, they may continue to accompany communities around the world that are experiencing social injustice, let us pray to the Lord.

*Other intentions are added that take current events into account.*

#### Concluding prayer

God our Father, we desire to make your presence and your love visible in the world. Accompany us in the mission to which you call us, to be artisans of your reign of love, justice and peace. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. **Amen.**

