

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Date:	19 March 2023
Day:	Laetare Sunday 4th Sunday in Lent, Year A

<i>Priest's introduction</i>	Sisters and Brothers, like the blind man of the Gospel and David annointed by God we are blessed with knowledge of God and his Church. As we celebrate Laetare Sunday on our Lenten journey let us pray for the needs of the Church and the world
<i>Intention 1</i>	We pray for the Church and Christians everywhere; that our preparation for Easter will help us to enjoy all God's gifts. <i>Pause</i> Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.
<i>Intention 2</i>	We pray for Mothers; that they may be joyful and that we may always be grateful for and respectful of their dedication. <i>Pause</i> Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.
<i>Intention 3</i>	At the Pope's prompting we pray for those who have suffered harm from Members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering. <i>Pause</i> Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.
<i>Intention 4</i>	We pray for all those suffering from overwhelming natural events, particularly in Turkey, Syria and southern Africa; that our prayers and material help will bring comfort. <i>Pause</i> Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.
	<i>If the celebrant wishes, an extra, last-minute intention may be added here by hand before Mass.</i>
<i>Intention 5</i>	We pray for all those we love who have died and for all the faithful departed; that they may rest in peace. <i>Pause</i> Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.
	Let us together recognise the gift of motherhood, fondly remembering and thanking our own mothers as we ask our Blessed Lady and Mother to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary...
<i>Priest's prayer</i>	Father, hear these prayers we make to you and like the blind man help us to say "Lord I believe" and to know it. We ask this, as we ask all things, through your son Jesus Christ. Amen.