

## INTERCESSIONS

In this season of repentance and reconciliation, let us intercede for the Church, the world, and all those in need. Our response to the intercessions is **'Your mercy is great.'**

*a brief silence*

God of promise, nourish Your Church with Your Holy Word. Sustain Your people in all temptations to power and grant us courage to offer loving service to others. Hear us, O God!

**Your mercy is great!**

LORD of history, call to mind the Covenant You have made with all the earth through Your servant Noah and his family. Establish justice and peace among all peoples and accomplish Your desires through the leaders of nations. We beseech You especially to guide the leaders of our own nation and those of Iran and North Korea so that global war and mass death may be avoided. Hear us, O God!

**Your mercy is great!**

God of Abraham and Isaac and Ishmael, of Jacob and Esau, bring peace and an end to senseless slaughter in the Land of Your Promise. By the love You bear for Your servant, David, and His descendants, protect the Jewish people throughout the world, to whom You promised the land of Israel as their home forever. Protect especially those kinsfolk of Our Lord and of His Blessed Mother whom You have gathered into the land of Israel from all who would destroy them and their inheritance. Hear us, O God!

**Your mercy is great!**

Send Your Holy Angels to protect Your Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church in that war-torn land, the churches and shrines erected over the holy places of Our Lord's nativity and ministry, in the land of His innocent suffering and death and His rising from the death to save all humankind, and all pilgrims who brave danger and hardship to show their love for the earth sanctified by His footsteps. Grant Your Christian

people throughout the Middle East courage and good hope to withstand present and future persecution for the sake of the Cross. Where is it required of them, grant them a quiet mind and heart with the victory of the martyr's crown. Hear us, O God!

**Your mercy is great!**

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, mercifully hear our prayers and grant to Your servants the help of Your power, that their sickness may be turned into health and their every need provided for. We pray especially for Your servants *Tom, Ruth, Dale & Jackie, Earle, John & Eardeen, Theda, Marlene, Doris, Aaron, and Dwight, as well as Susan, Lauren, Gail, Darlene, Yana, Elsie, Hilda, John Hunt & John Staley.* Hear us, O God!

**Your mercy is great!**

As once they ministered to Our Lord in the wilderness of His temptation, let Your Holy Angels have charge over our sons and daughters in the Armed Forces of this nation, that they may fulfill their duty with a clear conscience and drive tyranny from the face of the earth with discipline, with honor and with courage. We pray especially for Your servants *Jeremy, Christopher and Michael.* Hear us, O God!

**Your mercy is great!**

Inspire our witness with the lives of the Saints and all who have gone to sleep in Your mercy. Keep us in union with Mary, the Virgin Mother of Our Lord, with Saint James the Apostle and all Your Saints and brings us at last into the fullness of Your presence in light everlasting. Hear us, O God!

**Your mercy is great!**

Hear our prayers, merciful God. By Your Holy Spirit transform our lives to declare Your praise and to make known Your grace in Jesus Christ Our Lord, in Whose Name we pray,  
**Amen!**