

## 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*

Almighty God, You strengthen the Church of every age and place with Your promises and Your blessing. Help Your people always to trust in Your Word and to rely on Your faithfulness. Where the way of glory in this life is tempting, help us by Your grace to follow the way of the Cross, which alone leads us to You. Hear us, O God!

**Your mercy is great!**

LORD of history, You are constant in this changing world. Reach through the violence of the proud and vengeful and give the leaders of nations the abilities to work for justice and to serve all people. Light 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 servants of old and all their descendants descendants, preserve the life of both Arab and Hebrew, brothers of Your promise. Protect especially those kinsfolk of Our Lord and of His Blessed Mother, the Jewish people, 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!**

O LORD, Our only defense, 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, Donald and Dwight, as well as Susan, Lauren, Gail, Darlene, Yana, Elsie, Hilda, Mitzi, 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 Archangel Michael have charge over our sons and daughters in the Armed Forces of this nation, that they may drive tyranny from the face of the earth, and hold up before their eyes the example of Your servant, Saint Vartan, Saint Louis, Saint Joan of Arc, and all Christian soldiers, that they may discharge their duty with a clear conscience, 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 all 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, Saint Gregory the Great, whom Your Church commemorates today, and all Your Saints, and bring 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!**