

# Intercessions for 16 March 2025

## Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, perfect in holiness and power, we are not worthy to speak to you because of our disloyalty and disobedience; yet your Word declares that you graciously accept us in Jesus Christ your Son and our Saviour. Strengthen our faith in that word, that we may pray to you with confidence as we come to you now in his name.

Have mercy on the world where so many follow their selfish ways and seek false goals. Especially we pray for mercy on the powerless, so often the victims of the cruel greed of the powerful, pawns in vicious games where no-one is winner and all will ultimately lose. Enlighten those in authority that they may see the consequences of their mis-deeds and be turned from doing evil to doing good. Instil courage in all those working for peace in our troubled world.

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer*

Creator God, you made us stewards of your creation, but we have so often failed in our task. In our greed and ignorance we have disfigured this beautiful world, scarring its landscapes, polluting its rivers and oceans, failing to care for our fellow creatures. Help us to find the way out of this mess that we have created, restoring the natural world around us, and learning to live in harmony with each other as well as with your creation.

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer*

Loving Lord, be with us in our homes, our families and our communities. Help us to listen to one another, to love one another, to understand and to appreciate our differences and the unique contributions we can all make. Free us from selfishness and from anxiety for the future, and in all our relationships grant us the fellowship that is in Christ.

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer*

We ask you, Lord, to be with all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. In our hearts we hold up to you all those known to us personally... Bless the work of all who care for the sick and the dying, especially remembering the countless individuals, young and old, unpaid and mostly un-trained, who care for loved ones in their homes. Comfort the dying and the bereaved.

[...prayers for specific individuals here...]

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer*

Heavenly Father, give us more charity, more self-denial, more likeness to Christ. Teach us that it is better to give than to receive; better to forget ourselves than to put ourselves forward; better to serve than to be served, after the example of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Merciful Father,  
*Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*  
*Amen.*