

# Intercessory Prayer Network

## Prayer Intentions for March 2021



### ***Pastoral Plan Priority # 1 – Draw People Into Deepening Intimacy With the Lord*** ***Lent 2021***

*[Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as we prepare our hearts to renew our baptismal promises at Easter. ]*

Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries and trust in God
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

*[Reflection attributed to Pope Francis - <https://www.catholicgallery.org/article/pope-francis-lent-2017/>]*



### ***Pastoral Plan Priority #5 - Promote the Healing Journey in the Lord*** ***First anniversary of declaration of global coronavirus pandemic – March 11***

We pray for all those who have suffered during the pandemic during the past year:

God of all grace and providence, You are our shepherd who walks with us through every valley.  
Be with us today as we mark one year of the COVID-19 pandemic in our world.  
Be comfort for those who grieve. Be strength for those about to falter.  
Be love for those in division. Be eternal rest for those who have died.  
Help us trust you, follow you and love you for your goodness today and always.  
Most of all Loving God, bring healing upon our world.

*[Prayer adapted from Catholic Health Association of the United States [www.chausa.org](http://www.chausa.org)]*



***Pastoral Plan Priority # 3 – Embrace Your Priesthood***  
***Solidarity Sunday March 21, 2021 – Share Lent, Share Love***

*[Share Lent has been a tradition in Canadian parishes since 1968. It was established to embody the two pillars of social action—charity and justice— which Pope Benedict XVI described as “not only social, but also spiritual actions, accomplished in the light of the Holy Spirit.” To learn more about the work of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace see: <https://www.devp.org/en>]*

Let us pray:

- For the millions of people around the world plunged into fear, insecurity, or abandonment by the pandemic, such as the elderly; may they find compassion, peace and hope in better days. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For charitable organizations that help impoverished and marginalized people; may they always keep the hope of a fairer and more equitable world alive. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For the political and economic leaders of all nations; following the example of the Good Samaritan, may their decisions be inspired by love and universal fraternity. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For our Church; may she continues to promote the common good through dialogue, peace, reconciliation, and spiritual healing. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For members of our community; may they may act in solidarity with their sisters and brothers around the world in protecting God’s Creation, our Common Home. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For Development and Peace’s partners; may they continue, through our support, to build a world of kindness, justice and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

God our Father, receive the prayers that we raise to you, that together we can build your kingdom of love, peace, and justice. We ask this through your Son Jesus who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*[Prayer intentions from Development and Peace [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)]*