

Prayers of the people `0<sup>th</sup> March 2019 !st Sunday in lent year C

To the words Lord in your mercy, we reply hear our prayer

We pray for your church in the world. Guide it with your spirit thast we are led in the way of your truth wherever we may worship.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Help our nation create a peaceful world for us to live in and preserve it for those who come after us.

Help us to overcome fear and see that our diversity reflects your glory.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

May we experience the light of your compassion. We pray for those who suffer anxiety , those who suffer trials and affliction and who need our kindness and our help.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Give us the resources to draw on when we have needs and show us how to reach out to you

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We also pray silently or aloud for the ones who are ill or suffering in any way

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Console those who are bereaved or in sorrow, especially those we pray for now

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

God of deliverance and freedom, we thank you for all the good things in our lives. Deepen our faith that we may resist temptation and, in the midst of trial, help us to hear you. Even in the opaque regions of our being you enlighten us. Give us a trusting heart and hold us in the palm of your hand..

Amen