Intercessions – 5th Sunday of Lent – 21st/22nd March 2026 – Year A

Priest: "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." God's word has been broken for us, and we have reflected on its teaching. Now we bring before God our needs and those of all God's people.

Reader: To the prayer: Lord hear us…Our Response is**: Lord, graciously hear us!**

We pray for our Holy Father Pope Leo, for our Bishop Richard Moth, and for all whom the Lord has called to minister to His People, that they may continue to proclaim the merciful love of God.

PAUSE
Lord hear us…**Lord, graciously hear us!**

Let us pray that leaders in government, health services, the treasury, police, and armed forces collaborate with trust and strength to address current challenges.

PAUSE
Lord hear us…**Lord, graciously hear us!**

We pray for the Elect and candidates on our RCIA programme. At Easter Vigil, they will become full members of the Body of Christ, the Church. Let us keep them in our prayers, that they may find constant joy in the love of the Risen Lord and walk as children of the light.

PAUSE
Lord hear us…**Lord, graciously hear us!**

We pray for our parish: for married couples, those who are single and anyone who is still waiting for their calling. We pray for our young people, who are blossoming into adulthood; fill them with your peace. We ask you to bless our children and make them gentle, joyful and loving.

PAUSE
Lord hear us…**Lord, graciously hear us!**

We pray for all our deceased parishioners and those who have their anniversaries this week. Eternal rest, give unto them, O Lord…**Let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace**

We pray with Mary, the humble servant of the Lord; **Hail Mary..**

Silently we pray for our own intentions, those contained in our Parish Book of Intercessions and those of the Parish of **Our Lady of the Assumption, Bethnal Green.**

A Parish Prayer for Peace 2026 Lord, send us the gift of peace. Change the hearts of those who choose violence and wage war. Turn them away from persecution and lead them towards peace. Transform hatred into understanding, anger into compassion, and fear into hope. Through your love, heal what is broken. Fill us with your Spirit, so that with one voice, we may cry out together, throughout the world: Lord, send us the gift of peace. Amen.

Priest: God of love and service, your son died to bring a rich harvest of life for others. Awaken in us a desire to be servants like him, faithful to the covenant you have written in our hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.