Intercessions – Palm Sunday – 28th/29th March 2026 – Year A

Priest: Loving Lord, as we move into Holy Week and prepare follow you to the cross, show us how to be people of faith even in dark times, keeping our sights on the resurrection that we know lies on the other side of Good Friday.

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 leaders of all world faiths, especially those in regions where there is war and discord. We ask God to give them loving hearts; that they might promote and preach a message of universal peace.

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

As war continues in the Middle East and Ukraine, and tensions are high in many places, we pray that political leaders will choose compassion over conflict and will make real, sustainable peace their goal.
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We pray for anyone impacted by hate crime, remembering those affected by the arson attack in London earlier this week. May they find the conviction and courage to continue their charitable work, and may love supplant hatred in the hearts of those who seek to inflict harm on others.
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Lord hear us…**Lord, graciously hear us!**

We pray for those affected by the high cost of living; that they might find the support they need. And in lives so often distracted by cares and anxiety, we pray that our homes and community spaces may be places of safety, connection and compassion.
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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: Lord of life and hope, as we continue our journey towards Easter we ask for clarity and focus, to understand how Lent revitalises our faith, and to inspire us as we go forward with renewed hearts and fresh purpose. Amen.