Intercessions – 18th/19th April 2026 – Year A

Priest: God of life, as we continue through the Easter season, steady us in hope and faith, and make us aware of your presence in all things.

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 his Assistants, and for leaders of all world faiths, as they dare to speak truth to power, we echo their words in our hearts. We pray that their voices will be heard and their words will lead to change where it is so badly needed.

PAUSE

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

We warmly welcome Lyla Renny into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism. We offer prayers for her family as they continue a Christian journey rooted in faith, trust in Jesus Christ, and guidance from God's Word.

PAUSE

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

We pray for a swift and lasting resolution to war in the Middle East. We hold in our prayers all citizens whose lives are turned upside down by conflict – those who are displaced, who are injured, grieving, left amid the rubble of war. May they find consolation in terrible times.

PAUSE

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

We pray for our own communities, particularly for those within them who are struggling with illness, anxiety or uncertainty. We remember anyone affected by economic uncertainty. May they receive the support they need and not feel forgotten, ignored or neglected.

PAUSE

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

We pray for all our deceased parishioners and those who have their anniversaries this week. We pray especially for Frances Moxham who died on 7th April.

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 unconditional, limitless love – you know our needs before we ask. As we go from here into the week ahead may we speak kindly and act with love in all things. We ask this with confidence, through Christ our Lord. Amen.