Intercessions – 25th/26th April 2026 – Year A

Priest: With confidence in Christ, the true vine who gives life to the world, we bring our prayers before God our Father.

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, May they lead us in our faithful following of Jesus so that, staying firmly united to him, we may draw life from his word and bear fruit in works of mercy, justice, and peace.

PAUSE

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

We warmly welcome Charles, Jennifer Singleton and Ralph Chapman 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 peace in the Middle East, between Russia and Ukraine, and in Sudan. We wish that those in power consider the suffering and hardship caused by war, rather than focusing on personal gain. We also keep in mind the mariners stranded in the Straits of Hormuz and their families, hoping for their safety and swift reunion.

PAUSE

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

We pray for Christians persecuted for their Faith, that they may be strengthened with courage, filled with hope, and find comfort in the presence of Christ, especially in the Middle East, Nigeria, and China. We also pray for the Conversion of Persecutors, that God may soften their hearts, leading them toward peace, justice, and the acknowledgment of human dignity.

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 our Father, source of all life, hear the prayers we offer in faith. Keep us united to your Son, that we may bear fruit that will last. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.