Intercessions – 16th/17th May 2026 – Year A

Priest: With confidence in our risen and ascended Lord, who loves us beyond all we can imagine, we bring before him our prayers for the Church and for the world.

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

We pray for Pope Leo as he marks his first anniversary as Pope. May he continue to inspire all Christians to rejoice in God's love and to show special care for those who are often overlooked in society.

PAUSE

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

We warmly welcome Dominic Koba-McAuley into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism. We offer prayers for his family as he continues his 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 our country and for all who serve in local and national government. May they learn, in their work, 'to serve and not to be served, to give and not to count the cost.' May they seek always to support those in greatest need rather than those with greatest influence.

PAUSE

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

We pray for peace and justice among nations divided by war and injustice. May leaders protect the innocent victims of conflict and work tirelessly for reconciliation. We also pray for those living with fear, illness, or hardship. May all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit be strengthened and comforted by the care and support of those around them.

PAUSE

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

We pray for our First Holy Communicants who are preparing to receive the Blessed Sacrament for the first time. May they always know the joy and peace of Jesus' presence in their hearts and continue to grow in faith and love. We also pray for all those sitting exams. May God bless them with insight, calmness, and a future filled with hope.

PAUSE

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

We pray for all those going through illness, pain and discomfort who are listed in our Newsletter. May they have hope and reassurance for better days ahead. We also pray for Margaret Holford.

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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. We especially keep in our prayers Frances Moxham who has her funeral on Monday and Sara Kay who died recently.

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, your Son has opened for us the way to everlasting life with you and the Holy Spirit. Hear the prayers we offer in faith and make us faithful witnesses to his love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.