Intercessions – 4th/5th July 2026 – Year A

Priest: Loving Lord, today we come to you to seek shelter, knowing you give us true rest. Help us to embrace the suffering of others and guide them, also, to you. Hear our prayers we bring before you.

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

Let us pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and all bishops and pastors. That they may be granted wisdom and grace to shepherd their flocks, uphold the truth of the Gospel, and guide the faithful through times of theological tension and separation.

PAUSE

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

Loving God, you see us and know us. You are present with us in times of suffering. We pray to you for all people affected by the Ebola outbreak. Comfort those who are ill, sustain those who grieve, watch over those who deliver care. We pray also for those undergoing cancer diagnosis and treatment. May the Holy Spirit provide them with courage in moments of fear, comfort in moments of pain and peace in moments of rest.

PAUSE

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

Let us pray for the holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, spread across the entire world. That Christ may pour out His Spirit to heal divisions, put an end to schism, and restore all who profess His name into the bond of peace.

PAUSE

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

We pray earnestly for those attached to traditional practices and all who feel alienated from the Church. That they may seek to maintain full ecclesial communion with the Holy Father and be drawn into the unity for which Christ prayed.

PAUSE

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

We pray for all those going through illness, pain and discomfort. Whose names are listed in the newsletter. May they have hope and reassurance for better days ahead.

PAUSE

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

We pray for all our deceased parishioners especially Mary Reynolds whose funeral is this week 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: Heavenly Father, help us to be gentle and humble in heart and inclusive to all, through your name. Amen.