Intercessions for the twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 20 September 2026

Priest: God of love, you call us to turn away from that which divides us and to seek the good in one another. Today we bring our hopes and concerns to you, in prayer.

Reader: To the prayer: Let us pray to the Lord, our response is: **Lord hear us!**

As we hold Pope Leo and other Church Ministers in our prayers, we ask that he might continue to speak clearly for peace, justice and the dignity of all human life.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

We pray for all those living through war and violence, especially the people of Ukraine, Gaza and the Holy Land. And also for everyone affected by conflicts in Sudan, Myanmar and elsewhere. May those in positions of power always choose the difficult work of peace and healing, instead of the easier path of war and conflict.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

Given the recent, very alarming news about the dangers posed by Artificial Intelligence, let us pray that Humankind might successfully pursue this new technology but not at the cost of causing harm to, or even the extinction of, the human race itself.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

As we celebrate Home Mission Sunday, we pray to be shown how we can play our part in sharing with others the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus Christ.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

With inflation rising and the cost of living climbing ever upwards, let us pray for people who are finding life increasingly difficult and with their hope of a better future fading fast. We pray that they may be comforted by the Holy Spirit whilst finding valuable, practical help from within our local community.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

This Sunday we have two more candidates for baptism, Ellis Walker and Tommy Waller. We pray that throughout their new life in Christ they be always guided by the Holy Spirit whilst being sustained with the knowledge of God's unfailing love, now and for evermore.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

We pray for those who are sick in mind or body, recovering from illness or living with either pain or disability. Taking comfort from the Holy Spirit, may they find respite from their illness and hope for an improving future.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

We pray for all our deceased parishioners and for 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 **Church of Our Lady Queen of Apostles, at Welwyn Garden City.**

Let us together say our Parish Prayer for Peace: **Lord, send us the gift of peace…..**

Priest: God of compassion, as we pray for Mission, show us how we can play our own part in bringing it about. Give us courage and discernment to know where we can make a difference, and patience when change seems out of reach. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.