Intercessions for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday 4th October 2026

Priest: God our Father, in our prayers today we ask you to grant us the courage to face those things that worry us, the wisdom to know how best to address them, and the faith to be assured that we never face anything alone.
Reader: To the prayer: Let us pray to the Lord, our response is: **Lord hear us!**

We remember Pope Leo and all the Ministers in our prayers as they continue their ministry of leading the Church. We ask that their words of peace, unity and human dignity will reverberate around the world and become a challenge and an inspiration to all people, both those with and those without faith.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

With the month of October being traditionally devoted to the Rosary and Our Lady, let us call upon the Queen of Heaven to intercede on our behalf whenever we might have need from our Father in Heaven.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

We ask God to look down upon those places caught up in war and violence and grant them the gift of ever-lasting peace. We remember in our prayers those who have been displaced and especially those in urgent need of safety, food and shelter.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

Within today's Gospel we are warned against any kind of spiritual complacency. Let us pray that every day we might convert fine words into good deeds whilst never failing to be faithful to God's true message of love and care for all humankind.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

Let us pray for our own communities – for those who struggle with the cost of living, for families under pressure and for those who feel isolated and alone. May our churches, schools, workplaces and neighbourhoods be places where people see one another, offer help where needed and make time for those feeling neglected and afraid.
PAUSE, Let us pray to the Lord…..**Lord hear us!**

We bring before God all those who are sick, anxious, grieving or exhausted and also those who find themselves mired within destructive cycles. May they find both comfort and support while always knowing the ever-presence of the Holy Spirit.
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.
Pause, 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 **St Thomas of Canterbury and the English Martyrs, at Royston.**

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

Priest: God of compassion, receive our prayers. Guide us as to how best we can be channels of peace, courage and compassion. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.