

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Church communities are invited to select one of more prayers below.

Presider: In this Jubilee year, and conscious that we are each precious in the eyes of the Lord, we place our prayers before God who is kind and merciful, and rich in compassion, that through our safeguarding commitments, we can bring safety, hope and healing.

1, May the doors of this church, O God, be wide enough
to welcome all who seek shelter and healing.

Let us pray to the Lord

R: Lord, hear our prayer

2. May the doors of this church be narrow enough
to shut out all pride and hardness of heart.

Let us pray to the Lord

R: Lord, hear our prayer

3. May the threshold of this church be no stumbling-block
for the vulnerable and wounded who come,
yet too high to admit complacency and indifference.

Let us pray to the Lord

R: Lord, hear our prayer

4. May this church and the Church that gathers here
be a truly safe place for all
and a doorway to new life in Christ,
the Lord of peace.

Let us pray to the Lord

R: Lord, hear our prayer

5. May our Church leaders Pope Leo XIV ,

Bishop _____, and all those entrusted with ministry and pastoral care in the Church continue to help build stronger, welcoming and safe faith communities.

Let us pray to the Lord

R: Lord, hear our prayer

6. May the children of the world who are suffering be protected and nurtured to find safety, peace and hope for a brighter future.

R: Lord, hear our prayer

Let us pray to the Lord

7. We pray together our prayer for Safeguarding Sunday

PRAYER FOR SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

You guard us, Lord God, beneath the shelter of your wings
till the storms of destruction pass by (Psalm 57:1).

The storms of abuse have struck and have not yet passed by.

We see the damage done and we seek shelter in you.

Beneath your wings we gather the survivors and their loved ones,
all the victims, living and dead.

We gather those who work to bring healing
and to make the Church a safe place for all.

We gather all the faithful, the Body of Christ,
bearing the wounds of the Cross.

May the Church grow more like you,
wings spread wide to provide shelter for all,
till the storms of destruction pass by
and peace without end has come.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

Presider: Gracious and loving God, source of all truth, hope and love, hear the prayers we offer today and look favourably on the pleas of your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.