

Prayers of Intercession

We remember those who face the fire of persecution, oppression, hate, tyranny and war
(silence)

May your Spirit help us stand alongside them, sharing their baptism and their pain, and offering our strength to wash away the barriers to human freedom and fulfilment.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We remember those who are blown about by doubt, by fear, by what they read, by what other people say.

(silence)

May your Spirit teach us not only to proclaim the truth, but to live out your truth as solid ground for all to stand on.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We remember those who are overwhelmed by the floods of sickness, loneliness, debt, age, betrayal, overwork and guilt.

(silence)

May your Spirit fire our love to reach out with warm, open arms and a living burning hope to all those around us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We remember those who are facing the return of their physical body to the earth, but who cannot see past the open grave.

(silence)

May your Spirit help us to blow away the clouds of doubt and fear, not only in their hearts but in our own.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Spirit of love, who floated over the waters of creation, who gave breath to the prophets, and on whose truth the Church is grounded, set your fire in us, that we may see visions, dream dreams, and go out to the world around us. Amen.