

St. David's Church 09:30 Sunday Intercessions: Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)

Through the grace of His son Jesus Christ, let us join the lively intercession of the Holy Spirit, who is the animation of the saints and angels, to pray this morning to God our Father:

Turn your face O Lord towards your created world.

As the disciples angered and failed your Son when they heard about the death of Lazarus, continue to have patience with all the peoples of the world who let immediate suffering overwhelm their love for you.

Especially, guide and sustain those who work to improve systems of healthcare, education and sanitation in our worldwide megacities.

Lord in your Mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Turn your face O Lord towards your holy Church.

As Martha boldly rebuked your Son in her grief, continue to reform your Church so she may ever be a welcoming place to express emotions, to seek after hope, and to encounter your personal promise of resurrection and new life.

Especially, guide and sustain those who work to create a culture of forgiveness and unity within your holy Church.

Lord in your Mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Turn your face O Lord towards this, your worshipping community of St. David.

As the Jewish bystanders and crowds jeered against your Son to prove with action the love he proclaimed, continue to be amongst us in this community of faith not as a mere provider of miracles, but as yourself on your terms; God alone, our God.

Especially, guide and sustain those who work to in this parish to foster transformative encounters between you and your people.

Lord in your Mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Turn your face O Lord towards those who suffer.

As Lazarus, still bound with bandages and hidden by the cloth of death, obeyed your command and walked towards your healing voice, continue to speak into the experience of people obscured or distorted by sickness the value of their human life.

Especially, guide and sustain those who work to accompany the frightened and relieve the pain of the sick in their own homes.

Lord in your Mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Turn your face O Lord towards those who have died in faith.

As the earthly relationships between your Son and His friends broke down when they felt death, their ultimate destructive end, had come, continue to reassure your worried people that death is neither a threat to your imminence nor to our transcendence in you.

Especially, guide and sustain those who work to embrace their death as necessary part of your gift of life.

Lord in your Mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Turn your face O Lord towards us, and feed us with yourself in this Eucharist. Grant us health, wealth and long to live, as we say **Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen**