

Mar. 12 Intercessions Second Sunday of Lent

Anyone who believes in Jesus can know his power to save and set us free.

Loving God, because we trust you, we come to you now with our concerns for the Church and the world.

Today's congregational response, as printed in the bulletin:

In you, O Lord: **we put our trust.**

We bring all those who find it so hard to believe, so hard to trust in a faithful loving God; we bring those who teach the faith; all who preach and chat the good news. Give the right words for each situation and each person, and enable the seed to take root and grow. (pause) In you, O Lord: **we put our trust.**

We bring those whose authority and decisions affect the lives of many people and the health of the planet.

We pray for sensitivity and honesty, and the strength to retain integrity even in positions of power. (pause) In you, O Lord: **we put our trust.**

We bring the newly born and their parents, and all whose family circumstances face change; give us the spiritual flexibility to adapt to your guiding in all our relationships, and above all in our relationship with you. (pause)

In you, O Lord: **we put our trust.**

We bring all for whom illness or injury has caused disruption, uncertainty and the prospect of long-term change; remembering Bob, Gerard, Lois, Betty, and those know to you alone, all who find their lives are spinning out of their control; give them working knowledge of your total loving and unchanging presence, so that in all the changes and troubles of life they may be assured of your everlasting protection. (pause)

In you, O Lord: **we put our trust.**

As we call to mind the guidance and help you give us each moment of every day, we thank you and praise you, Holy God, for you alone have the words of eternal life.

Merciful God, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.