

Mar. 5 Intercessions First Sunday of Lent

Jesus knows all about temptation; and he can deal with our sin.

Our God knows us and the temptations we face. Let us pray to him now.

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

The Lord is God: there is no other.

As the Church begins this season of Lent we ask you to remind us of what is important and what is not; of where we are wandering away and what we need to change; so that by Easter we will be renewed and strengthened for your service in the world. (pause) **The Lord is God: there is no other.**

The world's misery and pain and desperate need of healing are clear to see and affect us all.

We pray now for this damaged world with all its weakness, longings and failings, with all its potential and hope. (pause) **The Lord is God: there is no other.**

Whenever a child is born we celebrate the creative hope of God.

We pray for all being born this week and for their families and communities, that all our children may be loved and cared for, safe and happy. (pause)

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We pray for all who suffer through others' sin; all victims of abuse or oppression or apathy; all whose adult lives are distorted and misshapen by early damaging experiences which need your healing. (pause) **The Lord is God: there is no other.**

We remember those who, freed from the ageing and pain of their bodies, can live now with you in the peace and joy of heaven. (pause)

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Lord, we give you thanks and praise for the hope we have in Jesus; for the strength to resist temptation and the joy and relief of forgiveness when we fall.

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