



## Intercessions for First Sunday of Lent Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

As we begin this season of Lent, let us move off into the desert to communicate with our God.

Lord God, we come with all our muddled priorities, and conflicting agendas, to be made whole as the Body of Christ; to renounce evil so as to be equipped to announce the kingdom of peace.

Lord God, we come with the world's clamour ringing in our ears, with comfort zones beckoning us, but the pain of injustice refusing to be shut out. We come for the world's healing, and for an end to all lying and deceit.

Lord God, we come with the demands of home, family, work and expectations warring in us for space and attention. We come on behalf of those too busy or too exhausted to pray; that our daily lives may be washed in your peace, ordered in holiness and lit up with your joy.

Lord God, we come with the needs and sorrows, pain and suffering of our brothers and sisters all over the world, who are aching – physically, emotionally or spiritually; we come to ask your comfort and healing love.

Lord God, we come to realign our lives in the context of your eternity, and to commend to your love our own loved ones who have passed through earthly death to the life which has no ending.

Lord God, we come with thankfulness for the gift of life, and for the call to holiness. Give us the grace to respond to your calling.

Lord of the Church

**hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind to serve you joy for ever. Amen**