World Leprosy Day

25 January 2026

Bidding Prayers

World Leprosy Day 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Priest

Brothers and sisters, the word of God is living and active among us. Trusting in the Lord who speaks to his people and heals every wound, let us place our prayers before him.

Reader

For the Church throughout the world - that she may always listen attentively to the word of God, proclaim it faithfully, and bring hope to all who long for healing and mercy.

Lord, in your mercy

For all who suffer from leprosy, and from diseases that bring isolation, stigma, or rejection, especially on this World Leprosy Day - that they may know dignity, compassionate care, and the healing presence of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy

For the work of the St Francis Leprosy Guild, and for all who support its mission – that, through their dedication, those affected by leprosy may receive treatment, hope, and the reassurance that they are not forgotten.

Lord, in your mercy

For doctors, nurses, missionaries, and all who work with dedication among the sick and marginalised - that their service may be strengthened by patience, courage, and love.

Lord, in your mercy

For our own community - that we may hear the call of the Gospel afresh, turning away from indifference and learning to recognise Christ in those who are poor, lonely, or overlooked.

Lord, in your mercy

All

Hear our prayer

For those who have died, especially those who suffered in body or spirit, that they may be welcomed into the peace of God's kingdom where there is no more pain or sorrow.

Lord, in your mercy

Reader

We ask Our Lady to pray for us as we say together

All

Hail Mary

Priest

Heavenly Father, you sent your Son to proclaim good news to the poor and healing to the broken-hearted. Hear the prayers we make in faith, through Christ our Lord.

All

Amen

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