

Priest

Jesus urges us to be **prepared** and to remain **faithful**. Let us then ask for all the graces we need to face the challenges we meet every day.

Reader

Let us pray for **Pope Francis** and all the bishops; that their holiness may inspire us to be confident in our faith. *Pause:* Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

Let us pray for all those in **government**; that they may practise honesty and integrity such that their policies and decisions may be for the good of all the people, especially those who are poor and disadvantaged. *Pause:* Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

We pray that the Lord will watch over **migrants, refugees and asylum seekers** and bring them safely to the place where they long to be. Help us to welcome them with joy and generosity while responding to their needs. *Pause:* Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the victims of knife crime on our streets, that they may rest in peace and that the perpetrators of these crimes may come to value and respect the sacredness of all human life and know God's love for each person. *Pause:* Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

Let us pray for all Christians in Orpington; that **in loving one another** we may be committed to the values of the Gospel, encourage one another in faith and be an example of integrity to the wider society. *Pause:* Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

We pray in silence for all our needs.

LONG PAUSE

Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

We bring all our prayers to Mary, the Mother of our Saviour: **Hail Mary, full of grace...**

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Lord God, as we journey through life as disciples of Jesus, may we be generous and share our blessings with others, through the same Christ our Lord who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**