**Intercessions for Second Sunday Before Lent**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we ask in faith.

We thank you for the Ministry of your Son, and we remember the common faith which binds us all together, and our common mission to bring your peace to all the nations of the world. We pray for all churches everywhere, and for all those who serve them. We pray for the whole Anglican Communion, for the Archbishop of Canterbury, for all primates and bishops, and particularly for the Anglican Church of Burundi and their archbishop Martin Nyaboho. We ask your blessing for Sarah our bishop, for Richard our archdeacon, and for our own ministers David, Paulette and Jane.

**Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer**

We pray for the world and for all peoples. As we recognise with John the importance of your word help us to remember also that it is by our deeds that we shall be judged. Inspire us all with your love to practice what you have preached, to demonstrate your teachings in our lives, and to work to understand what you truly wish. Protect us from all false prophets who would lead us down the easy road which takes us away from you.

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**Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer**

We pray for our families, friends and community. We ask for your comfort for all those who are mourning the loss of relatives and friends, whether at the start of life or towards the end, recognising that all are of equal value in your sight. Help us to help them to see that there is a future, that alone does not have to mean lonely, and that all are members of your family. We thank you for the growing hope as scientists and health workers bring forward treatments and vaccinations; strengthen us to remain patient and to ensure by our restraint now that we can all share in the better future that is coming.

**Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer**

We ask you Lord to comfort and heal all those who suffer in mind, body or spirit, and give your grace to all those who work for them. Support all those whose loved ones are in distress, and help us to give them strength and comfort.

**Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ, and according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord

**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace

**And rise to glory.**

We pray with Mary

**Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**