

Bidding Prayers for World Day of the Poor 2025

Priest/Celebrant: As we mark the World Day of the Poor, and with hearts rooted in the hope of Christ, let us bring our prayers before God, the Father of the poor and the source of all justice and compassion.

1. For the Church – the people of God:

That we may be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and generous in charity, proclaiming the Gospel not only in words but through our service to the poor and the excluded.

Lord, in your mercy...

R. Hear our prayer.

2. For the poor, the vulnerable and the forgotten:

That all who suffer poverty may experience the nearness of God. May they find dignity, community and support through the love of the Church.

Lord, in your mercy...

R. Hear our prayer.

3. For those who bear witness to hope in adversity:

That those living in hardship may continue to inspire us by their resilience and faith, reminding us that the greatest treasure is found in God alone.

Lord, in your mercy...

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4. For those working for justice and peace:

That governments, institutions and individuals may be moved to confront the root causes of poverty, promote fair access to work, housing, education and healthcare.

Lord, in your mercy...

R. Hear our prayer.

5. For Caritas and all ministries of charity in our Diocese:

That their work may be guided by the Holy Spirit and supported by our communities, as they offer concrete signs of hope and solidarity in our parishes, schools and neighbourhoods.

Lord, in your mercy...

R. Hear our prayer.

Priest/Celebrant: Heavenly Father, in your Son, Jesus Christ, you came close to the poor and the lowly. Fill us with the courage to build a world where your justice reigns and where the dignity of every person is honoured. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.