## **Universal Prayers of the Faithful**

For the Church throughout the world who suffer under various persecutions and martyrdom, may the Lord strengthen His Church and embrace Her martyrs....Let us pray to the Lord.

For Leo our Pope and Edward our Archbishop, may the Holy Spirit guide them as they lead us through perilous times, ....Let us pray to the Lord.

For our newly elected political leaders, may they lead our communities in peace and justice, ....Let us pray to the Lord.

For the poor and those who are hungry, may we show our love and support in providing enough for all to eat....Let us pray to the Lord. For our parish community, may the Lord grant us strength and love to bear all infirmities and persecutions in our daily lives....Let us pray to the Lord.

For any in our parish who are suffering from illness, addiction, hunger, unemployment, loneliness, fear, sorrow, or despair. May they find their strength in Christ who saves...Let us pray to the Lord.

For those who continue to grieve those who have died in our parish and family of parishes community, may the Holy Spirit continually grant us peace and comfort, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who have died, particularly those who have served as our pastors, teachers, mentors and spiritual guides plus we especially remember Kathy Hartway: that God will lead them into the fullness of life in God's presence forever....we pray to the Lord