

**INTEGRATE CRS RICE BOWL** into your liturgical celebrations with these prayer intentions. Or consider distributing these prayers to families to pray in their own homes.

## INTRODUCTION

Trusting in the mercy and love of our God who walked among the poor, the vulnerable and the outcast, we voice our own petitions, asking for what we need, and for the needs of our brothers and sisters all over the world, saying, “Lord, help us to be instruments of your peace.”

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

For those who are forced from their homes by war, natural disasters and other tragedies, that they may be welcomed with love and hospitality in new and foreign lands. We pray to the Lord.

For our own community of faith, that we may welcome the homeless, the lost and the wanderer, recognizing that Jesus himself lived without a permanent place to call home. We pray to the Lord.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

For people around the world who are hungry, especially children, that they receive the nutritious food they need to live healthy, productive lives. We pray to the Lord.

For our own community of faith, that we remember the words of Christ: “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me.” We pray to the Lord.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

For pregnant women, mothers, grandmothers and all women around the world entrusted with caring for and nurturing others, that they receive the support and resources they need. We pray to the Lord.

For our own community of faith, that we protect and uphold the rights of young people to learn and grow in safe, supportive environments. We pray to the Lord.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

For students, young and old, that they be given the opportunities and support they need to pursue their passions, and use their knowledge and skills for the betterment of their community. We pray to the Lord.

For our community of faith, that we value and uphold the important work of teachers, educators, tutors and mentors. We pray to the Lord.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

For farmers around the world who work to improve their harvests while preserving natural resources, that they may support their families through the fruits of the land. We pray to the Lord.

For our community of faith, that we do our part to preserve our natural environment and be good stewards of the gifts God has given us. We pray to the Lord.

## PALM SUNDAY

For people around the world who struggle to provide enough food to meet their families’ daily needs, that they may overcome the challenges of hunger and poverty. We pray to the Lord.

For our community of faith, that we may deepen our relationship with Christ by recognizing his face in the faces of our brothers and sisters in need. We pray to the Lord.