

**THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS.**  
**Prayers of Intercession for 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Celebrant: In the Lord's Baptism, we see that he has come to bring salvation, healing and peace to the world. Let us now pray for the needs of the church and the world..**

**Response: Hear our prayer**

**1.** Let us pray for the universal church. May all the baptised strive to to be fruitful ministers of Christ's message of love and salvation. **Lord in your mercy . . .**

**2.** Let us pray for all world leaders. May the Holy Spirit instil in them a drive for true justice, so that they may govern their citizens fairly, without fear or favour. **Lord in your mercy . . .**

**3.** Let us pray for those who are suffering financial hardship as costs and expenses continue to rise. May all who are worried and fearful find strength in the Lord to persevere through their struggles, and may those who are able be generous in assisting those in need. **Lord in your mercy . . .**

**4.** Let us pray for all those affected in anyway by the continued spread of the virus: those who are ill; those who have died; the bereaved; those who are scared and frightened; all those who work in health care trying to keep us safe; those who care for the elderly and vulnerable; the scientists seeking solutions to bring the pandemic to an end. May God help us all to play our part in moving forward towards a healthy and fear-free future. **Lord in your mercy . . .**

**5.** Let us prayer together with Our Lady, Mary, Queen of Peace as we say: **Hail Mary . . .**

**The Silence**

Let us now pray in silence for our own personal intentions.

**Celebrant: God our Father, who revealed Christ as the source of our salvation, hear our prayers today, which we make to you in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**