



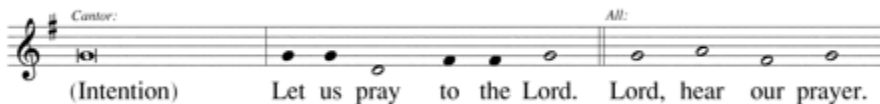
THE GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD 2026

*Presider: Glorifying and praising God for the good news
we have heard and seen, let us offer intercession
through the Son born of the Virgin Mother.*

Reader: For God's holy Church here and in every place:
may we champion humankind's struggle for freedom
from every slavery.

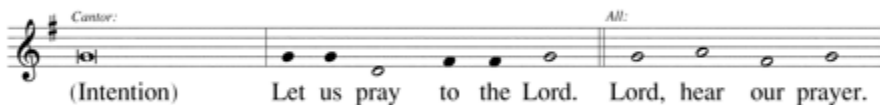
Cantor/All:



Music: Byzantine chant

Reader: For peace, for peace.
Again, and again we still pray for peace,
in every place of war and terror.
Let the clamoring swords of hatred and division be quelled
with the hard work of justice and reconciliation:

Cantor/All:



Music: Byzantine chant

Reader: *Let us remember:*
those who this week suffer and grieve from,
violence, hatred, and revenge: *Lord forgive. (pause)*

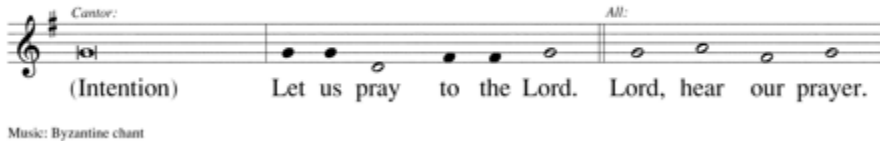
We remember all those who serve our country
and are in harm's way: *Lord keep them safe. (pause)*

We remember the innocent victims—
the people of every place,
especially immigrants, and refugees, living in fear:
the children, the mothers, and the fathers,
the sisters and brothers, the neighbors, and the friends:
Lord embrace them. (pause)

> > > > > > >

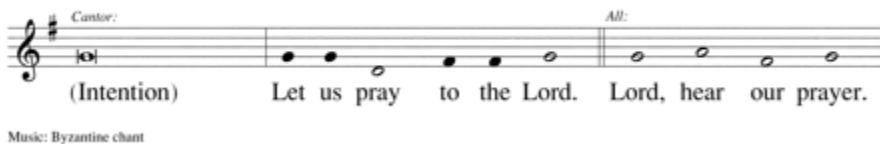
We remember those who suffer
as they long for a home of mercy, compassion and welcome.
Lord make them “strangers no longer.” (pause)

Cantor/All:



Reader: For all who were named as God's own in this life
and have gone to God's eternal dwelling place:
family members, friends, fellow parishioners.
May the Lord lift up his countenance on them
and give them eternal peace.

Cantor/All:



Concluding Prayer

GOD OF PEACE,
whose providence guides the changing seasons
of every year and all of our lives:
in the fullness of time,
you fashioned in the Virgin Mother Mary
a dwelling place for your Word made flesh among us.
Bless with the joy of your Holy Spirit
the first day of this new year,
that through all the days allotted to us, we may, like Mary,
rejoice in grace and embrace your will.



We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

ALL: AMEN ©1998 Archdiocese of Chicago, Prayers for Sundays and Seasons, Year A.



Image: "Madonna and Child in a Landscape"