

Universal Prayer

Presider: Scripture shows us that God hears our cries and always comes to our aid when we are faithful trusting in his goodness, we bring him our needs and petitions.

- For our pope, may God guide and sustain him through his health struggles...we sing,
- For elected leaders of our nation: may they affirm the equality of all people under God, we sing
- For all joining the Catholic Church, may they continue to open their hearts to God ... we sing,
- That we will use the Annual Catholic Appeal as our opportunity to focus on the great commission to “Feed My Sheep” in our homes, in our parishes, and in our communities, we sing
- For all of us in the family of disciples at St. Pius the Tenth, may we live this Lent understanding, that “This is the time” to turn our minds and hearts to God...we sing
- For all those who have not yet overcome their hesitation to respond to God’s call, may they trust in Christ and one day join our community...we sing
- For the sick, the suffering, and for those who have died ... we sing,
- **Lector, please remain at the ambo until the following prayer is concluded.**

Presider: God of Israel, hear our prayers, that they may strengthen our church, our world, and our own hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**