

The Universal Prayer
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
March 25, 2018

Presider:

"And when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all things to myself." Jesus's words tell us that the cost of our freedom from the power of evil, the cost of our redemption will be his cross. With thankful and trembling hearts we approach his cross with our hopes for ourselves and all God's creation.

Reader:

- 1. We begin this most solemn week of the Church year and we confront the reality that Easter cannot be reached except through the Passion and Death of Jesus. And so we gather our courage to witness to all he did for us, for all he does for us and we solemnly pray for ourselves and for all the world.**
- 2. For the Church, God's presence in our midst and reminder of the mission the Lord Jesus left to us to proclaim the Good News to the end of the age.**
- 3. For our world, and that all people may one day live in peace and freedom, as children of the Living God.**
- 4. For our nation, that peace may flourish in our homes and communities dispelling the darkness and the power of evil.**
- 5. For ourselves, may each of us have the courage of Mary Magdalene and the Holy Women to stand watch without fear before the cross.**
- 6. For everyone living with physical, emotional, or spiritual distress, especially Irene Busher, Kathi DeLucca, Raymond Stives, Lillian Ziomek, and Horace Ricks: may the Holy Spirit bind up the wounds of all in need and bring them hope and healing.**
- 7. For all our faithful departed especially * whom we remember at this Mass. May they rest among the Saints in the halls of heaven.**

***Sat. 5:0PM.....Mary Chanda**

***Sun...9:00AM...Susan Chukwa**

***Sun...1:00....Mary Donatelli**

- 8. For the prayers in our parish book of life and for all the silent hopes and fears that we entrust to our crucified and Risen Lord.**

Presider:

We ask these and all things through Christ our Lord.

Amen.