
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

*Anyone who believes in Jesus can know
his power to save and set us free.*

Loving God, because we trust you,
we come to you now with our concerns
for the Church and the world.

We bring all those who find it so hard to believe,
so hard to trust in a faithful loving God;
we bring those who teach the faith;
all who preach and chat the good news.
Give the right words for each situation and each person,
and enable the seed to take root and grow.

Silence

In you, O Lord:
we put our trust.

We bring those whose authority and decisions
affect the lives of many people and the health of the planet.
We pray for sensitivity and honesty,
and the strength to retain integrity
even in positions of power.

Silence

In you, O Lord:
we put our trust.

We bring the newly born and their parents,
and all whose family circumstances face change;
give us the spiritual flexibility
to adapt to your guiding in all our relationships,
and above all in our relationship with you.

Silence

In you, O Lord:
we put our trust.

We bring all for whom illness or injury
has caused disruption, uncertainty
and the prospect of long-term change;
all who find their lives are spinning
out of their control;
give them working knowledge
of your total loving and unchanging presence,
so that in all the changes and troubles of life
they may be assured of your everlasting protection.

Silence

In you, O Lord:
we put our trust.

We commend to your love and mercy
all those who have made the journey through death,
especially any who have died unprepared,
or violent deaths.
We thank you for your understanding and compassion
and pray that they may know the forgiveness,
peace and joy of heaven.

Silence

In you, O Lord:
we put our trust.

As we call to mind the guidance and help
you give us each moment of every day,
we thank you and praise you, Holy God,
for you alone have the words of eternal life.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**