

**Palm Sunday 2025 URC**

Let us pray to the Lord, who is our refuge and stronghold.

O God, on this Palm Sunday, when we remember Jesus' entry to Jerusalem, we thank you for the joy, deeper than any sorrow, Which you bring to us and with which you bless us.

Help us to find this joy and to live it as a blessing for the world.

May there be times for all of us when we can let go

Of the things that bind us to sorrow and fear,

So that we can praise you and let our hearts may dance.

Let us be bearers of true joy to the world.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

We pray for our mother Church, it's leaders, clergy and laity; all those who serve it in your name for the glory of Christ. Let them do Your will, what is right, standing up for the oppressed and suffering.

We pray for King Charles, that he continues to be a steady hand on our Nation.

We pray his ministers in Government, Parliament and local leaders are constantly led by your will.

**Lord in your mercy hear our prayer**

We pray for those who are sad or suffering.

We pray for those for whom depression or anxiety brings a denial of joy

That they may find healing and release.

We pray for those made sad by loss and death,

That they may grieve honestly and freely

And find even in grief true comfort and hope.

We pray for those saddened by disappointment,

By betrayal, or by the failure of something important to them.

May they find healing and hope again in Jesus

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

We pray for all who are ill,  
And who for those who love them,  
For those who have heard fearful news from the doctor  
Or who worry about their own state of mind.  
Bring them peace and the certain comfort of love.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

We pray for places scourged by violence and war,  
For lands where there is poverty and hunger for the powerless,  
And in nations whose leaders hubris and wealth bring blindness to the needs of others.

**Lord in our mercy, hear our prayer**

O Christ, who entered the city in peace and was greeted with joy,  
Bring your peace and your joy to our world and to your Church,  
This day and every day.

**Lord in your mercy hear our prayer**

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

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