

Prayer of Intercessions in Lent

God of passion,

God of love,

in this time of Lent we realise the pain in our world,
the voices, the pictures and stories which we cannot forget.

Let us in your presence
think of all the people whom we know
and many more whom we don't know
who live in darkness, pain and fear.

What is happening to people at this moment?
On the streets, in homes and rooms and cells?
What are people experiencing today?
In hospitals, in intensive care units or ill in their homes?
What are people thinking about today?
In the country where we live....
...right here and far away?
What is happening to people this morning?
In Syria, Senegal and Kenya and all the other trouble spots of this earth?
What are people going through today?
In Nigeria, in Afghanistan, in India and Iraq?
What is happening today?
In Israel and Palestine, and Iran and so many other places?

In your presence, God,
we think of all their and many others' pain
and bring it before you in silence...

We ask you to call us on to the challenge in Lent,
the challenge of your passionate life.
Pour over us the oil of your anointing
that we may help to ease the pain around us
with our touching, healing and loving.
Amen.