**CAFOD: The Big Lent Walk. Prayers for the Journey**

1)Gathering. St Vincent’s Church, Crookes

Creating God, renew us through our walk with you, and for the rest of this day.

Bless our talking, and caring and our tender courage.

Help us to pray sincerely for Your world to reflect your purpose. Amen

1. Ben’s Centre

In Lent, we are invited again into the story of Jesus’ own vulnerability and to reflect on His presence in the lives of others.

We pray for everyone involved with Ben’s Centre; that needs will be provided for and new doors will be opened.

Lord, in your mercy…Hear our prayer

1. St. Wilfrid’s Centre

Lord Jesus, your own life was filled with journeys and you asked your disciples to walk with you. For many people their life journey is difficult. We pray that at all at St Wilfrid’s find understanding, assistance and a sense of belonging.

Lord, in your mercy…. Hear our prayer

1. St Vincent’s furniture store

Lord, when you spoke the words, “Of course, I want you to be well”, you spoke for all time and to all people.

We thank you for the Vincentian spirit of friendship, which seeks and finds those in need. Fill all our hearts with wisdom, generosity and kindness.

Lord, in your mercy…Hear our Prayer

1. Victoria Hall, Assist

God our refuge, You share the journey with migrants and refugees. Lightening their footsteps with hope.

Open our eyes and hearts to the God given dignity of all your people. Move us to welcome our neighbours, and so bear witness to your love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen (CAFOD)

1. City of Sanctuary

Father, we thank you for the commitment and open-heartedness of all who live your words, “I was a stranger and you made me welcome” (Mtt 25:35)

May our hearts and our city be always compassionate, generous and welcoming.

Lord, in your mercy ……Hear our prayer

1. St. Marie’s Cathedral

Blessed are you, God of all Creation, and blessed are those who know they need you. We bring you our world: with all its beauty, its sorrow and its surprises.

We bring you its people: with all their goodness, their failures and their hope. We bring you our promise: to be gentle of spirit, but to hunger and thirst for what is right: to seek peace in the midst of conflict, but to protect the innocent and the weak.

To love the earth and all it gives us, but to demand less that we may give more.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our Lord

Amen

1. St Vincents Place, Mission Hub

God of all wholeness, heal our hearts

Of all that prevents us responding

To our brothers and sisters

Excluded by poverty

And prevented from living a full and healthy life.

This Lent, may we:

Implore justice through our prayer,

Stand in solidarity through our fasting,

And reach out through our giving.

Send your life-giving power

To revive the weary,

Restore the broken

And renew the face of the earth.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen