



In the name of Jesus, the innocent one

You to whom we pray, Lord,
the only one who can hear our unspoken thoughts and listen to our measured words,
from our place of relative safety
we pray for all held captive.

We remember prisoners who are intimidated

- those who suffer mental or physical pain, intentionally inflicted
- those subjected to great indignities
- those enduring anxiety and depression, weighed down by guilt or shame
- those who refuse to implicate others or to deny the strength of their convictions.

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We remember the leaders of corrupt institutions

whose hearts are hardened,
whose ears cannot discern the truth,
whose eyes are closed to justice,
who surround themselves with cruelty and with the evil power of tyranny.

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We remember the families

separated from their loved ones,
waiting for news,
not knowing what is happening,
fearing the worst;

those who cannot understand the intrigue and complexities of official procedures,
those who do not appreciate the issues of conscience,
and those who well understand the strength of convictions and the price being paid, and
whose own movements are restricted.

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We remember the Lamb of the Passover,

the hastily convened Sanhedrin,
the washing of hands,
the crown of thorns,
the prisoner who was himself a thorn in the side of those in authority,
the betrayal and the denial.

Above all, we thank God for the Saviour

who gave mankind what mankind could not achieve for itself.

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