

LENT 2019

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Pray with us for suffering Christians around the world this Lent

WEEK 6 - SYRIA

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

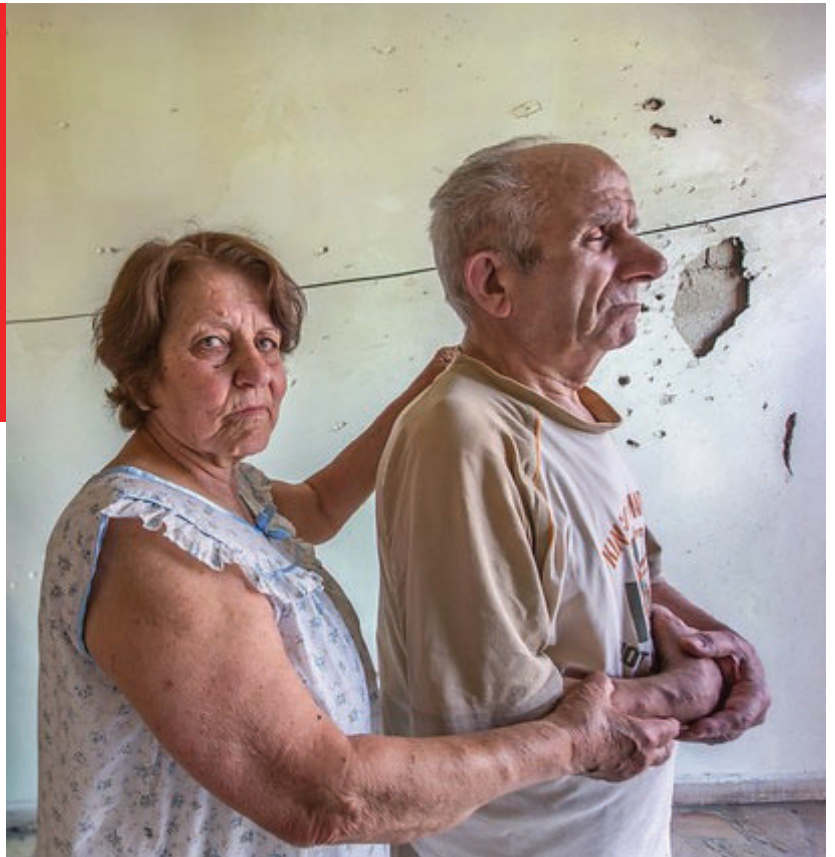
Sarkis and Mary

The sick and the elderly

**That all Christians will see Jesus in
their neighbours**

ST. ANSELM

St Anselm of Canterbury's feast day is on the 21st April. He spoke of the Christian obligation to follow God's example of generosity, especially when we see those in need. He said: "God does not delay to hear our prayers because He has no mind to give; but that, by enlarging our desires, He may give us the more largely."



Sarkis (65) and his sister Mary Kandam (75) in Aleppo, Syria (© ACN)

The Sunday readings of Passion Sunday offers the opportunity of charitable giving to all brothers and sisters in Christ to others in need: **"In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."**

(Matthew 25:40)

Sarkis (65) and his sister Mary Kandam (75) are Christian Armenians in Aleppo. He is blind.

The house they are in was given to them by a relative who left the country after the house was hit by a bomb. The room they use is unusable and dangerous with shrapnel holes and pieces of plaster falling off the damp walls. It needs restoration but it cannot be restored because the house does not belong to the brother and sister. They have no income.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Psalm 22)

Blessing on him who comes in the name of the Lord! (Luke 19:28-40)

The Sisters of Jesus and Mary religious order in Syria installed lighting in room of Sarkis and Mary. The elderly siblings also receive help with daily costs and medicine. Mary says that were it not for the Church and ACN's help they would have starved. They attend Mass with a spirit of forgiveness towards those engaging in violence across Syria.

St Anselm prayer reveals the joyful promise of the resurrection to the faithful, the saint said: **"My God, I pray that I may so know you and love you that I may rejoice in you. And if I may not do so fully in this life let me go steadily on to the day when I come to that fullness . . . Let me receive that which you promised through your truth, that my joy may be full."**

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