

Season of Ordinary Time : The Body and Blood of Christ, B General Intercessions

Priest

Gathered as the body of Christ,
let us call on the name of the Lord, and pray for the Church and the world.

Reader

1. For all members of the Church;
that we may share the gift of the eucharist with deep and reverent faith.

PAUSE for silent prayer — at least five seconds. Repeat after each intention.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

2. For the hunger of the world;
that all who lack food, water, shelter, or proper health care,
will find the members of Christ's body to be generous neighbours.
3. For all who serve the mystery of the eucharist:
bishops and priests who preside;
deacons and those who minister holy communion
in the liturgy or in people's homes;
that they may be renewed and affirmed in their service.
4. For all who are deprived of the sacrament of the eucharist,
whether through oppression, illness, or the lack of a priest;
may they still know the presence of their Saviour.
5. For all who help the Church to reflect on the mystery of the eucharist:
theologians, those who compose prayers and hymns;
teachers and catechists;
may their gifts lead us deeper into the paschal mystery.
6. For the faithful departed,
who were nourished by the eucharist in this life;
that they will be counted among those invited to the banquet of the Lamb.

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The bread you give, O God,
is Christ's flesh for the life of the world;
the cup of his blood
is your covenant for our salvation.
Grant that we who worship Christ in this holy mystery
may reverence him in the need of this world
by lives poured out for the sake of that kingdom
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.