

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 15B
Aid to the Church in Need talk
General Intercessions

Priest

God the Father has invited us to be his ministers,
to spread the good news of the gospel.
We pray now for the grace to recognise the dignity of our mission,
and the necessary strength to carry it out.

Reader

1. We pray that the pilgrim Church may inspire people to renew their lives
by faithfully bearing witness to Christ in word and deed.

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

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

2. We pray for missionaries in foreign lands,
that their good work in fostering the faith
may be rewarded with an abundant harvest.
3. For all who are persecuted, oppressed, or discriminated today
because of their faith in the Lord Jesus,
and we ask God's blessing on the work of *Aid to the Church in Need*.
4. We pray for parents in our own parish communities:
may the words of Jesus find a home in their hearts,
and may they be given the strength to persevere in their vocation
of handing on the faith to their children.
5. For the sick, the handicapped and those who are lonely or broken hearted:
may the love of Christ and the care of friends be to them a sign of God's love.
6. We pray for our dead,
that freed from the troubles of this world,
they may enjoy everlasting peace in God's presence.

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In your inscrutable providence, O God,
you desire your Church to share in the sufferings of your Son.
Grant to all who are persecuted for your name's sake
a spirit of endurance and love,
that they may remain true and faithful witnesses
to all that you have promised.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.