

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 16B

General Intercessions

Priest

The Lord is our shepherd and is true to his name.
Therefore, we pray with confidence for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For all who no longer practice the Christian faith,
and those who do not believe in God;
that Christ, the Good Shepherd, will open their hearts.

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

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

2. For those who serve the Church as leaders;
that Christ will inspire them to be wise and faithful shepherds of his flock;
we pray especially for Paul, our Bishop.
3. For peace throughout the world;
for all victims of conflict, terror, violence, or natural disaster;
all who have been forced to flee their homes.
4. For all who are leaving school or college;
that God will guide them in the decisions they face;
for all who work in education,
that God grant them a restful break.
5. For all who are travelling this weekend,
that they may reach their destination safely;
we pray, too, for all who cannot take a holiday this summer.
6. For the faithful departed;
especially those who have died recently,
and all whose anniversary we keep around this time.

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God of all knowledge,
whose wisdom unfolds for us
the meaning of the world in which we live,
be the inspiration and the end of all our efforts
to know, learn, and teach.

Through the seeds of inquiry and wonder
which you have implanted,
may we continue to grow in your wisdom.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.