

## Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 17B General Intercessions

### Priest

The Lord is close to all who call on him from their heart.  
With confidence, we pray for the Church and for the world.

### Reader

1. For the Church throughout the world;  
that we who are blessed with the gift of the eucharist  
will proclaim in our life the values of the kingdom of heaven.

*PAUSE for silent prayer — at least five seconds, please.*

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

2. For all our parishioners and everyone with us this weekend;  
that God will bless each of us with true faith in Jesus,  
that we may have life in his name.
3. For refugees from warfare, violence, hunger, and natural disaster;  
for all who are homeless.
4. For all who are ill, and those who care for them,  
that God's healing grace will surround them;  
we pray very specially for all who suffer from depression and despair.
5. For all who are travelling;  
that they may reach their destination safely;  
we pray, too, for all who cannot take a holiday this summer.
6. For the faithful departed, and all who have died;  
that they will know the fullness of life with Christ in heaven.

### Priest

O God, protector of those who hope in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy,  
enfold us in your gracious care and mercy,  
that with you as our ruler and guide,  
we may use wisely the gifts of this passing world  
and fix our hearts even now on those which last for ever.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.