

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 17B  
Olympic Games  
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. Repeat after each intention.*

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 everyone involved in the Olympic and Paralympic Games;  
may these days promote greater understanding, awareness, and harmony.
4. For all who govern and lead nations;  
that people of every race and religion will work together for the good of all.
5. For those who are ill, in body, mind, or spirit,  
and all who care for them;  
that God's healing grace will surround them.
6. For the faithful departed:  
that they will know the fullness of life with Christ in the glory of heaven.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary ...

**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.