

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 18B
Olympic Games
General Intercessions

Priest

As we tell the glories of the Lord and his might,
let us pray for the Church and the world.

Reader

1. For all members of the Church;
that, created anew in God's way,
we will live in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

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

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

2. For all who serve the mystery of the eucharist:
bishops, priests, and deacons; ministers of communion and servers;
readers and musicians; teachers and catechists:
that the sacrament will renew and sustain us all.
3. For governments, leaders, and the members of the United Nations;
that God will direct them to secure reconciliation and peace;
we pray especially for the people throughout the Middle East.
4. For everyone involved in the Olympic and Paralympic Games;
may these days promote greater understanding, awareness, and harmony.
5. For those on holiday at this time, especially those gathered with us today;
that their break will be a time of renewal and peace;
we remember, too, those who cannot take a holiday this year.
6. For the faithful departed:
those who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries we keep;
may they dwell for ever in the company of Christ, the bread of life.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary ...

Priest

Lord,
be present to your servants who call upon you,
and bless us with your unfailing kindness.
Since we glory to have you as our maker and ruler,
restore in us the beauty of your creation
and keep intact the gifts you have restored.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.