

Season of Easter : Sunday 2C

General Intercessions

Priest

Giving thanks to God,
who draws us into the mystery of his Son's death and resurrection,
we remember the needs of the Church and of the world.

Reader

1. For the Church;
that all who are reborn by water and the Holy Spirit
may bear witness to the Risen Lord with courage and compassion,
and so draw others to know Jesus, their Saviour.

PAUSE for silent prayer — please count five full seconds. Repeat after each intention.

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

2. For all members of our parish,
especially our young parishioners making their First Holy Communion;
that we will grow strong together in Easter faith,
and be faithful stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us.
3. For those who seem to have lost the practice of their faith;
that the gift of the eucharist that we celebrate
will inspire us to encourage their return to the Body of Christ, our Risen Lord.
4. For the peace of the world,
for an end to injustice and conflict everywhere on earth.
5. For all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit;
that the risen Christ may be their beacon of hope;
we pray too for all who are anxious for the health of one they love.
6. For all who have died:
members of our parish, and our departed friends and family,
and especially for Pope Francis
that they will know the fullness of life in the mercy of the Risen Lord.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary.

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O God, eternal shepherd of souls,
look with favour on our prayers
for your servant Francis, our Pope,
who presided in love over your Church.
Grant that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may receive the reward promised to the faithful steward.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.