

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 20B
General Intercessions

Priest

We now direct our prayer to God the Father,
who strengthens our lives in the person of his Son Jesus Christ,
the living bread come down from heaven.

Reader

1. We pray for the Church throughout the world:
that she will always be a redeeming grace to combat evil and violence.

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

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

2. For all who are suffering persecution for their faith:
may they find strength in knowing that God is with them
and will always overcome evil.
3. For all who have strayed from the practice of their faith:
that the body and blood of Christ they received in former years
will be their saving grace, and draw them back to God and to the Church.
4. For all of us here: that through the worthy reception of Christ in Communion,
we will be beacons, bringing God's light into the world.
5. That those who are sick in mind or body
may be strengthened by the reception of the body and blood of Christ
in the eucharist.
6. For all our deceased relatives and friends:
that they may share in the eucharistic banquet,
which they believed in while on earth.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary ...

Priest

For those who love you, Lord,
you have prepared blessings which no eye has seen;
fill our hearts with longing for you,
that, loving you in all things and above all things,
we may obtain your promises,
which exceed every heart's desire.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.