

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 21B

General Intercessions

Priest

The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants;
and so, with confidence, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. We pray for the Church:
that the Lord will turn his ear to us and answer our petitions.

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

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

2. For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for Bishop Paul and all Bishops,
for Father Geoffrey and all priests and religious:
we give thanks for their vocations,
and ask the Lord to inspire more young people
to dedicate their lives to the service of God.
3. For all married couples:
may their love for one another grow stronger as years go by.
4. For all that is good and beautiful in our world:
may we give thanks for the lives of all plants and creatures
so necessary to sustain life on earth.
5. For all who feel they have nothing to be thankful for
and those who are suffering extreme hardships as a result of wars and strife:
we pray especially for the people living in Afghanistan.
6. For all who are sick and those who care for them:
that they may feel the love of the Lord around them.
7. For all who have died:
may we give thanks for their lives and for the love we received from them.
8. We ask Mary, our Mother, to intercede for us as we say: Hail, Mary, ...

Priest

O God,
you inspire the hearts of the faithful
with a single longing.
Grant that your people
may love what you command
and desire what you promise,
so that, amid the uncertain things of this world,
our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.