

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 21B  
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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. For all who are baptised;  
that we will proclaim the words of Jesus to be spirit and life.

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

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

2. For the work of our Bishops' Conference,  
and all who assist the bishops in their ministry.
3. For peace in the world;  
for an end to violence, injustice, and oppression.
4. For our young parishioners,  
who have now received the results of their examinations:  
may God guide them in the decisions they face,  
and bless all who will soon leave home to go to college or university.
5. For our parishes, and for all who worship with us today;  
that our practice of the faith will lead others to know the Holy One of God.
6. For the faithful departed;  
that they may rest in peace, and rise in glory.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: 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.