

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 23A  
Day of Prayer for all involved in Education  
General Intercessions

**Priest**

We are the flock led by God's hand.  
Confidently, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

**Reader**

1. For the Church throughout the world:  
that we will live the word of the Lord faithfully,  
and so build up the Body of Christ on earth.

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

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

2. For our brothers and sisters living in the Holy Land:  
may they be supported and strengthened in their faith  
to continue in their mission as the Living Stones.
3. For the troubled regions of the world:  
that people of every race, culture, and faith may live in peace.
4. For our school pupils and teachers:  
those who are leaving home to go to college or university;  
and all who work in education.
5. For all members of our parish:  
that we will faithfully gather together to pray in the name of the Lord,  
and so become strong in bearing witness to him  
by loving our neighbour.
6. For the faithful departed, especially those who have died recently,  
and all who are bereaved.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary ...

**Priest**

God of wisdom and grace,  
you endow us with gifts of energy and intellect  
to bring to fulfilment your work of creation.

Enlighten by your Spirit those who teach and those who learn,  
that they may discern what is right and good  
and gladly share with others the fruit of their wisdom.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.