

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 23B General Intercessions

Priest

The Lord keeps faith for ever, and raises those who are bowed down.
With trust and with confidence, we pray for the Church and the world.

Reader

1. For the Church;
that the Holy Spirit will enlighten all its members
and make them receptive to the healing message of the gospel.

PAUSE for silent prayer — at least five seconds, please.

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

2. For those who are poor and neglected in our society;
may we be more conscious of them as persons,
and our equals in the sight of God.
3. For the courage to support and speak out
about sensitive issues such as abortion and euthanasia.
4. For all who have been affected by fires,
floods, earthquakes and hurricanes this year;
may they be given the help they need to rebuild their lives.
5. In this Season of Creation,
we pray that we will all play our part in reducing the effects of climate change.
6. For the young people of our community who start a new school year;
may they discover all that is good in life as they grow in the ways of faith.
7. For all who have died;
may they rest in peace, and may those who mourn them be comforted.
8. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail, Mary ...

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God of unfailing mercy,
who redeemed us and adopted us as your children,
look upon us with tender love,
that we who believe in Christ
may enjoy true freedom
and enter our promised inheritance.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.