

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 28B  
Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families – Synod of Bishops  
General Intercessions

**Priest**

No created thing can hide from God;  
humbly, therefore, we pray for the Church and for the world.

**Reader**

1. For the Church;  
that all who follow Christ will be filled with the Spirit of wisdom,  
and freed from the lure of possessions.

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

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

2. For the Bishops, and all who are taking part in the Synod in Rome;  
that God will show the Church throughout the world  
how best to inspire our young people, and learn from their experience.
3. For peace; for greater harmony between nations, races, and religions;  
for all who have been forced from their homes by violence, terror, or war.
4. For all who are in prison, and for their families;  
that God will sustain them during their time of separation;  
in particular, we pray for those wrongly imprisoned,  
that justice will be done.
5. For ourselves;  
that God will grant us the grace to recognise our gifts,  
acknowledge our weakness,  
and so be able to serve Christ as his true disciples.
6. For the faithful departed  
who have walked the way of Christ on earth;  
that they may now enjoy the fullness of life with him in heaven.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary ...

**Priest**

O Lord, ruler and guardian of your Church,  
pour forth on your servants gathered in synod  
the spirit of understanding, truth, and peace,  
that they may strive with all their hearts  
to know what is pleasing to you  
and pursue it with all their strength.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.