

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 3B
Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity – Sunday of the Word of God
General Intercessions

Priest

The Lord is good and upright, showing the path to those who stray.
Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For all members of Christ's body, the Church;
that God will grant us the grace to repent, convert our heart,
and truly believe in Jesus our Saviour.

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

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

2. For an end to the divisions which damage Christ's Body;
that Christians will give united and convincing witness to the Gospel.
3. For all who serve the Word of God:
those who proclaim, preach, or teach the Scriptures in our parishes;
may the Word of God find a home in all our hearts,
that with integrity we may witness to the Word made Flesh.
4. For peace throughout the world;
for an end to conflict and violence, terror, and oppression;
that all people can live in the freedom of God's children.
5. For all members of our parishes;
that living with thanksgiving for God's many gifts to us,
we will draw others to know Jesus their Saviour.
6. For the faithful departed;
that all who have been joined to Christ in baptism
will enjoy the fullness of life with the saints of heaven.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary ...

Priest

O God,
who gathered together a diversity of nations
to be united in professing your holy name,
grant us the will and the strength to follow your command,
that all who are called to your kingdom
may be united in faith and holiness of life.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.