

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

Priest

In the one Spirit which was given to us all to drink,
we pray for the Church and for the whole world.

Reader

1. For the Church:
that every member of Christ's Body will recognise their calling,
and take their full part in the Church's mission to bring good news to the poor.

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

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

2. For an end to the divisions
between different Churches and Christian communities:
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 we may witness to the Word made Flesh with integrity.
4. For politicians throughout the world:
that our leaders will be people of personal integrity,
who care especially for the poor and downtrodden.
5. For all members of our parish, and for ourselves;
that with thanksgiving for the gift of our baptism,
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 our Saviour, 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.