

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 30B General Intercessions

Priest

What marvels the Lord works for us.
With confidence let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. We pray that the Church may be a sign of God's light and goodness, and a beacon of hope for the most vulnerable.

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

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

2. For the sick and retired priests of our diocese;
that God will keep them in his care
and reward them for their labours;
we pray, too, that God will grant sufficient priests for our parishes.
3. For world leaders:
that they may be moved to settle their differences in peaceful ways,
and that there may be an end to violence throughout the world.
4. For the politicians
who will be taking part in the assisted suicide debate and vote next month:
that they may heed the concerns of those people
who are feeling vulnerable because of it and,
rather than vote for such a change in the legislation,
they improve palliative care.
5. For all who are blind or who are visually impaired,
those who care for them,
and for all who work in medical science and research.
6. For those who have died,
especially as a result of warfare or famine,
and those who are close to us and dear to our hearts.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary ...

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God of holiness,
enlarge within us your gifts of faith, hope, and love,
and enable us to cherish whatever you command,
that we may come to possess all that you promise.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.