

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 31B
General Intercessions

Priest

God is the rock where we take refuge.
With confidence, let us pray for the Church and the world.

Reader

1. We pray that the Church may radiate the warmth of the love of Christ,
and so contribute to the peace of the world.

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

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

2. We pray for our own community:
that God will help us to appreciate one another,
and become more sensitive to the needs of the poor.
3. We pray that our homes may be places full of God's peaceful presence,
where we are taught to care for and respect others as children of God.
4. We pray for the perpetrators of violence and hatred,
whether in our homes or in the wider world:
may their hearts and minds be enlightened to see the injustice of their actions.
5. We commend to God's loving care all who are sick in mind and body:
may they be given the strength to face their difficulties
6. For all our deceased relatives and friends
who died in the hope of resurrection:
that God will grant them eternal rest.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary ...

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Almighty and merciful God,
from whom every blessing flows,
only by your gift
do your people offer you fitting service and praise;
grant, we beseech you,
that we may hasten without stumbling
towards the joys that you promise.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.