

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 4B

Day of Prayer for Racial Justice

General Intercessions

Priest

Listening to the voice of the Lord, and with hearts attentive to God's word,
we pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For the Church;
that we may seek to grow in faith, hope, and love,
and share these with all who are seeking a direction for their life.

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

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

2. For all who are harassed, excluded, or mistrusted
because of their ethnic background;
that we who follow Christ will build a just and open society.
3. For the leaders of all nations,
as they grapple with the complicated economic and health situations
that face them;
may the Lord will grant them the wisdom, compassion, and humility
to make good decisions.
4. For all those suffering mentally, physically, or spiritually in this pandemic;
may the Lord comfort and relieve them,
and grant them the love and consolation of his Spirit.
5. For those who are suffering as a result of the recent flooding;
may they know the love of God through the help and kindness of others.
6. For all who falter on their faith journey
and struggle to believe in the triumph of life over death;
may they find inspiration and strength in the witness of the Church.
7. For all our parishioners and loved ones who have died;
that God will mee them face to face on their journey to eternal life.

Priest

God of justice,
you adorned the human race
with a marvellous diversity,
and you clothed each of its members
with a dignity that may never be diminished.
Instil in us respect for that dignity,
that we may always champion for others
the justice we seek for ourselves.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.