

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 8C

Day of Prayer for Unemployed People

General Intercessions

Priest

The Lord is just; the Lord is our rock.

With confidence we can pray for the church and the world.

Reader

1. For all members of the Church:
may the wisdom of God enlighten our words and actions.

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

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

2. We pray for Paul, our Bishop, and all the bishops,
for Father Geoffrey, and all priests, deacons and religious:
may the Lord guide and strengthen them in their ministries,
that they may serve his people with love and compassion.
3. For peace in our world;
may God guide all world leaders in diffusing international tensions,
and help them to work together for reconciliation, understanding, and justice.
4. We pray for the unemployed:
may the Lord guide their steps towards work that fulfils their needs and talents,
and grant them strength and courage to persevere in their job search,
and lead them to discern the right paths and to make wise decisions.
5. For all who are ill, infirm, or disabled:
may the Lord grant them strength, ease their pain, and restore their health;
and may they find comfort in knowing that God loves them;
we pray especially for Pope Francis.
6. For the faithful departed;
may they be clothed in the new life of the Resurrection,
and find peace in God's presence.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of our risen Lord, to join her prayers with ours: Hail, Mary

Priest

O God, the giver of every good thing,
through our labour you give us a share
in your creative work.

Support all who suffer anxiety and deprivation
through lack of work.

Guide the people of this land
so to use its wealth and resources,
that those who seek employment may find it
and receive just payment for their work.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.