Season of Ordinary Time : The Body and Blood of Christ, C
General Intercessions

Priest

Christ the Lord is a priest for ever.
In his name, we pray for the Church and the world.

Reader

1. For all members of the Church;
that we may share the eucharist with deep and reverent faith;
we pray especially for our young parishioners
who will make their First Holy Communion next Sunday.

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

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

2. For all who serve the mystery of the eucharist:
bishops and priests who preside,
deacons and those who minister holy communion
whether at Mass or in people's homes;
and for altar servers, that they will all be renewed and affirmed in their service.

3. For all who help the Church to reflect on the mystery of the eucharist:
theologians, those who compose prayers and hymns;
teachers and catechists;
may their gifts lead us deeper into the paschal mystery.

4. For all who are deprived of the sacrament of the eucharist,
whether through oppression, illness, or the lack of a priest;
may they still know the presence of their Saviour.

5. For the hunger of the world;
that all who suffer lack of food, water, clothing, shelter, or health care,
may find the members of Christ's body to be generous neighbours.

6. For the faithful departed,
who were nourished by the eucharist in this life;
that they will be counted among those invited to the banquet of the Lamb.

7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary …

Priest

God ever faithful,
You have made a covenant with your people
in the gift of your Son,
who offered his body for us
and poured out his blood for the many.

As we celebrate this eucharistic sacrifice,
build up your Church
by deepening within us the life of your covenant
and by opening our hearts to those in need.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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