## Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 12A General Intercessions

## **Priest**

The Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. With confidence in the God who cares, we pray for the Church and the world.

## Reader

1. For the Church:

for our Holy Father, Pope Francis; let us be thankful for his teachings and become his messengers, proclaiming with joy the Glory of God.

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

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

2. For world leaders:

that they will consider their duties and make decisions with a spirit of generosity to all, especially to those who have very little.

3. Celebrating this Father's Day,

let us pray for fathers and their importance in family life; just as our Father in Heaven guides and supports us with love and wisdom, let them nurture their children and instil in them kindness and generosity of spirit.

4. On this Day for Life,

let us look to God, our Father and the creator of all life, to encourage us to respect and protect our own and each other's lives, especially of those who, for whatever reason, are unable to defend themselves.

5. For the sick and those who care for them:

that they may feel the love and strength of God the Father by their side.

6. For all who have died;

especially our loved ones, close to our hearts.

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True and faithful God, you give courage to the fearful and endurance to martyrs.

Sustain us as followers of your Son Jesus, that with boldness and conviction we may acknowledge him before the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.