

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 15A  
Day of Prayer for Seafarers  
General Intercessions

**Priest**

God cares for the earth and fills it with riches.  
With confidence we pray for the Church and for the whole world.

**Reader**

1. For our Holy Father and the bishops of the Church;  
may they be guided by God's spirit  
in their efforts to promote justice, love and peace throughout the world.

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

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

2. For those who lead nations, and all who serve in politics;  
that God will direct their response to the needs of the world's poor.
3. For all throughout the world who are being persecuted  
and denied their basic human rights;  
that they will have justice and peace in their lives.
4. For the *Apostleship of the Sea*  
and its mission to extend the friendship and concern of Jesus  
to those seafarers who visit the ports in our country.
5. For all those who suffer mentally or physically in our parishes and community;  
that they may draw strength from God's love and care for them.
6. For the faithful departed,  
particularly the families and friends who have died from Covid-19;  
that they may be safely at home  
in the place Christ has prepared for them.

**Priest**

God of all creation,  
by the word of your mouth the oceans came to be;  
by the power of your Son the mighty waves were stilled.  
Protect those who go down to the sea in ships:  
grant them a prosperous voyage,  
and bring them to safe harbour.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.