

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 16A

General Intercessions

Priest

My friends, this weekend we celebrate the feast of St John Plessington, who lived in times more difficult for the clergy and faithful than they are today. With the fortitude of our ancestors in mind, let us pray that we will succeed as they did.

Reader

1. For the Church;
may we appear to the world as a beacon of relevance and hope involved in the welfare of the old and disadvantaged.

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

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

2. For politicians and local leaders;
may they take and give sound advice to enable people to live life to the full, as far as realistic safety measures will permit.
3. For all whose health problems may be affected by the Covid-19 lockdown;
may their treatments be speedily resumed and their quality of life increased.
4. For our young people, whose education, leisure, and plans for the future have been completely changed;
may God find for them a sense of purpose and hope for what is to come.
5. For us all, caught up in things unforeseen and disruptive;
may we appreciate our family, friends, and all who care for us.
6. For the faithful departed, and all who have died;
that God will welcome them into the kingdom of heaven.
7. Let us pray with Mary, Comforter of the Afflicted:
Hail, Mary, ...

Priest

O God, patient and forbearing,
you alone know fully
the goodness of what you have made.
Strengthen our spirit when we are slow
and temper our zeal when we are rash,
that in your own good time
you may produce in us a rich harvest
from the seed you have sown and tended.
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.