

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 13A  
General Intercessions

**Priest**

Sure that God's love lasts for ever,  
let's pray confidently for the Church and for the world.

**Reader**

1. For the Church:  
may we recognise our dignity in being children of God  
and brothers and sisters to one another.

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

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

2. For a spirit of hospitality:  
may we welcome all who enter our lives as we would welcome Christ:  
with great love and with generosity of our time.
3. For the grace to forgive others as we are forgiven by the Lord.
4. For all young people:  
may God guide them,  
and give them strength to face all the challenges and confusions of life,  
and help them to grow to their fullest potential.
5. For all who are ill or infirm:  
may they feel the love of the Lord supporting them through their darkest hours;  
we pray especially for Deacon D'arcy.
6. For all who have died:  
may they rest in the eternal presence of God;  
and for all who are grieving:  
may they derive comfort in the knowledge that their loved ones  
are experiencing the peace that only God can give.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of God, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary ...

**Priest**

Merciful God,  
you willed that by the grace of adoption  
we should become children of light;  
grant that we not be cloaked in the darkness of error  
but rather stand forth in the splendour of truth.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.