

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 14A
First Holy Communion – Day of Prayer for Seafarers
General Intercessions

Priest

The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down.
Full of confidence, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For all who are baptised into Christ and filled with God's Holy Spirit,
that we will grow together in faith
and proclaim in our life the dawn of God's kingdom.

PAUSE for silent prayer — at least five seconds, please. Please repeat after each intention.

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

2. For all who are making their First Holy Communion around this time,
especially the young members of our parishes;
that the Holy Spirit will enable them to follow Jesus their whole life long.
3. For governments and leaders of nations;
that they be filled with a zeal for peace;
for all refugees, and for the work of the relief agencies.
4. For all who work at sea, that God will bring them safely home;
and for those who have pastoral care of seafarers,
that God will bless them in their ministry;
we pray in particular for the work of *Stella Maris, the Apostleship of the Sea*.
5. For all who labour and feel themselves to be over-burdened,
that they will find rest for their souls in the love of Christ.
6. For all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith;
that God will give them life through his Spirit living in them.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary ...

Priest

God of power,
who raised up a fallen world
through the lowliness of your Son,
grant to your faithful people a holy joy,
so that those whom you have rescued from the slavery of sin
may delight in the happiness that never ends.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.