

## Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 14B

### General Intercessions

#### Priest

Our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show us his mercy.  
With humble confidence, let us pray for the Church and the world.

#### Reader

1. For the Church;  
for Pope Francis, Bishop Paul, Father Geoffrey, all priests, deacons and religious,  
and for ourselves:  
may God renew and deepen our faith,  
that we may be confident of his presence with us throughout our lives.

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

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

2. For our new government and members of Parliament:  
may God grant them strength, wisdom, and compassion,  
that they will serve the people, and not seek personal aggrandisement.
3. For all who are alienated from their families or communities:  
that God will open new opportunities for dialogue,  
understanding and reconciliation.
4. For peace:  
may God free those who are oppressed by authoritarian governments,  
turn hearts from violence,  
and help all to recognise the dignity of each person.
5. For all who are suffering:  
may God bring healing to the sick, relief to those experiencing drought,  
renewal to those who have suffered from abuse or crime,  
and new opportunities for those seeking employment.
6. For those who have died:  
may they be at peace in the loving presence of the Lord.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of our Risen Lord, to intercede with him for us: Hail, Mary,

#### Priest

O God,  
whose providence orders all things  
and whose governance guides their progress,  
look with kindness on the leaders of this nation;  
(as they gather,) fill them with the spirit of your wisdom,  
that their decisions may accord with your will,  
fostering peace and the common good.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.