

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 16A General Intercessions

Priest

The Lord is good and forgiving, full of love to all who call.
Let us pray with confidence for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For all members of the Church;
may we allow the good seed of the Gospel to take root within us,
so that we may bear faithful witness to Jesus.

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

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

2. For forgiveness, and for the grace to forgive:
may the Lord take pity on us, and forgive us our transgressions;
and may the Spirit cultivate forgiveness and compassion in the hearts of all.
3. For all who have suffered abuse, or who are in abusive relationships:
may the Spirit translate their cries and tears into prayers,
and lead them to safety and wholeness.
4. For those on holiday, especially those gathered with us today;
that their break will be a time of renewal and peace;
we remember, too, those who cannot take a holiday this year.
5. For all who are ill or infirm:
that the Lord will look on them with mercy, and comfort them;
we pray especially for Deacon D'arcy.
6. For all who have died:
may they rest in the eternal peace that only God can provide.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail, Mary ...

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Show favour to your servants, O Lord,
and shower upon us the gifts of your grace,
that, eager in faith, in hope, and in love,
we may always be watchful in keeping your commandments.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.