

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 16B

Day of Prayer for Seafarers – St John Plessington

General Intercessions

Priest

The Lord is our shepherd and is true to his name.

Therefore, we pray with confidence for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. As we celebrate St John Plessington and the Martyrs of Lancashire, we pray for those who serve the Church as leaders today: that Christ will inspire them to be wise and faithful shepherds of his flock.

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

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

2. For peace throughout the world;
for all victims of conflict, terror, violence, or natural disaster;
all who have been forced to flee their homes.
3. 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 the *Apostleship of the Sea*.
4. For all who are leaving school or college;
that God will guide them in the decisions they face;
for all who work in education,
that God grant them a restful break.
5. For all who are travelling this weekend,
that they may reach their destination safely;
we pray, too, for all who cannot take a holiday this summer.
6. For the faithful departed;
especially those who have died recently,
and all whose anniversary we keep around this time.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers to ours: Hail Mary ...

Priest

God of all creation,
by the word of your mouth
the oceans came to be;
by the power of your Son
the mighty waves were stilled.

Protect those who go down to the sea in ships:
give them a [prosperous voyage / bountiful catch]
and bring them to safe harbour.

We ask this through our Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.