

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 17A

General Intercessions

Priest

The unfolding of God's word gives light and teaches the simple.
With trust and with hope we respond in prayer.

Reader

1. For our Holy Father, the bishops, priests, and deacons of the Church;
that they may be guided and inspired by the wisdom of the Gospel.

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

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

2. For ourselves, and all who are searching for the truth;
that we may come daily to a deeper appreciation of our faith in Jesus Christ
as the pearl of great price.
3. For those throughout the world who are struggling to make ends meet;
that they may be able to put their trust in God,
and receive the support they need to survive.
4. For all who have been affected by wildfires,
from those who have lost a holiday
to those who have lost their home or livelihood:
may they all be able to come to terms with their situation
and get the help they need to carry on.
5. For all who are married, those preparing to marry,
and for all who support people in their relationships;
we pray especially for the work of *Marriage Care*.
6. For all our family and friends who have departed this life:
may they receive the loving forgiveness of God and rest in peace.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail, Mary ...

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O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy,
enfold us in your gracious care and mercy,
that with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use wisely the gifts of this passing world
and fix our hearts even now on those which last for ever.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.