

## Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 23C General Intercessions

### **Priest**

The Lord has been our refuge from one generation to the next.  
With confidence, we pray for the Church and for the world.

### **Reader**

1. For all bishops, priests, deacons, and religious,  
and others with roles of leadership and responsibility in the Church:  
may God fill them with love and mercy,  
and guide them in their work.

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

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

2. For all who face persecution because of their faith in Jesus Christ:  
may they be comforted by our support, in prayer and in action.
3. For all who hold public office and positions of authority:  
may the Holy Spirit guide their decision-making  
to foster respect, justice, and peace.
4. For all who care for the sick, particularly those who look after the dying:  
may they be generous with their time and their compassion.
5. For the work of the *St Vincent de Paul Society* in our parishes;  
that God will bless its members,  
and enable their work to bear rich and lasting fruit.
6. For those in our parish community who have died recently,  
and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:  
may the Lord welcome them into the light of his glory.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail, Mary ...

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God of unfailing mercy,  
who redeemed us and adopted us as your children,  
look upon us with tender love,  
that we who believe in Christ  
may enjoy true freedom  
and enter our promised inheritance.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.