

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 3A
Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity
General Intercessions

Priest

The Lord is our light and our help, the stronghold of our life.
With confidence and with hope, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For the Church:
that every member of Christ's Body will recognise their calling,
and take their full part in the Church's mission
to proclaim the closeness of the kingdom of heaven.

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

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

2. For an end to the divisions which damage Christ's Body, the Church:
that Christians will be able to give united and convincing witness to the Gospel.
3. For peace throughout the world;
for an end to conflict and violence everywhere.
4. As we prepare to mark Holocaust Memorial Day in this country,
we remember all victims of genocide;
we pray for those who commit such crimes, that they will repent;
and we pray for ourselves,
that hatred and discrimination will be far from our heart.
5. For those who are ill, and all who care for them;
that they may know God's healing grace.
6. For all who have gone before us in faith;
that they will know the blessing of life in the Holy Trinity.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary ...

Priest

O God,
who gathered together a diversity of nations
to be united in professing your holy name,
grant us the will and the strength to follow your command,
that all who are called to your kingdom
may be united in faith and holiness of life.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.