

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 3C
Holocaust Memorial Day
General Intercessions

Priest

We turn now with confidence to the Father
whose son, Jesus, proclaimed the year of favour in the synagogue at Nazareth.

Reader

1. For the whole Church:
that in this Jubilee Year, we may be guided by the example and teaching of Jesus
in preaching the Good News.

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

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

2. As we 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.
3. That those in government throughout the world
may be mindful of their obligation
to show true concern for the poor and neglected in society.
4. For ourselves:
that we may have the courage to take the necessary steps
to make our lives conform with the gospel message.
5. For the sick:
that the Lord may comfort them through our healing words and actions;
we pray especially for all who suffer with leprosy, and for the work of *Lepra*.
6. For the dead: that they may obtain eternal rest.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary ...

Priest

O God,
in your silence every anguished cry is heard;
each person is created in your image,
all peoples are precious in your sight.
Receive into your peace the victims of persecution
and hear the lament of those who mourn their killing.
Keep their memory always before us
and rid every heart of violence and vengeance,
that hatred may be banished from the face of the earth
and the family of nations brought together in peace.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.