

## Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 13C General Intercessions

### **Priest**

Because our happiness lies in God alone,  
let us pray fervently for the Church and for the world.

### **Reader**

1. For the Church:  
that we may find our identity in Christ,  
and not in the lure of possessions, accomplishments, or power.

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

2. For growth in our faith:  
that God will draw us into a deeper relationship,  
help us to trust him, and free us from fear.
3. For all who have positions of authority or responsibility:  
may they serve those they rule,  
and never exploit those over whom they have power.
4. For all who are affected by conflict and political instability:  
that governments and agencies may assist them,  
and that they may be treated with dignity, care, and compassion.
5. For the hungry, and all who struggle to find the basic needs of life,  
particularly those who make use of foodbanks:  
may we share with them from our own abundance.
6. For all in our parish community who have died:  
that they, and all the faithful departed,  
may experience the grace and mercy of Jesus,  
and enter into eternal life with him.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail, Mary ...

### **Priest**

Merciful God,  
you willed that by the grace of adoption  
we should become children of light;  
grant that we not be cloaked in the darkness of error  
but rather stand forth in the splendour of truth.  
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.