Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 21A
General Intercessions

Priest

The Lord is high and yet looks on the lowly;
with humble trust, we pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For the Church:
that, built on the rock of Peter's faith in Christ,
and entrusted with the keys of God's kingdom,
we may show the way of salvation to all peoples.

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

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

2. For world leaders:
that they may respect human dignity, work tirelessly for peace not war,
and protect the vulnerable in our global community.

3. For all who have suffered because of recent earthquakes:
that those who have died are granted eternal rest,
and their relatives and friends are consoled in their grief;
we pray also for the emergency services and volunteers.

4. For all those married in the Lord,
that God will bless and sustain their love in the grace of the sacrament;
we pray especially for those who are marrying this Summer,
and all who are celebrating their wedding anniversary.

5. For the sick and infirm, at home, in hospital, or in care homes:
that through God's grace they will find comfort and healing
from those who care for them.

6. For all who have died recently or whose anniversaries we keep:
that in our prayers for them we also receive comfort in our grief.

7. We ask Mary, our Mother, to intercede for us in our prayers: Hail Mary, …

Priest

O God,
you inspire the hearts of the faithful
with a single longing.
Grant that your people
may love what you command
and desire what you promise,
so that, amid the uncertain things of this world,
our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.