

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 3B

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity – Sunday of the Word of God – Holocaust Memorial Day

General Intercessions

Priest

The Lord is good and upright, showing the path to those who stray.
Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For all members of Christ's body, the Church;
that God will grant us the grace to repent, convert our heart,
and truly believe in Jesus our Saviour.

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

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

2. For an end to the divisions which damage Christ's Body;
that Christians will give united and convincing witness to the Gospel.
3. For all who serve the Word of God:
those who proclaim, preach, or teach the Scriptures in our parishes;
may the Word of God find a home in all our hearts,
that we may witness to the Word made Flesh with integrity of heart.
4. On Wednesday, 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 hearts.
5. For all members of our parishes;
that living with thanksgiving for God's many gifts to us,
we will draw others to know Jesus their Saviour.
6. For the faithful departed;
that all who have been joined to Christ in baptism
will enjoy the fullness of life with the saints of heaven.

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.