

## Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 31C

### General Intercessions

#### Priest

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.  
With confidence, then, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

#### Reader

1. For the whole Church:  
that in all our doings,  
we may strive to be worthy of the love that the Lord has shown us.

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

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

2. For the sick and retired priests of our diocese,  
and give thanks to the Lord for their years of faithful ministry:  
may God them safe in his care.
3. For those on the margins of society,  
and all who feel excluded from the life of the Church;  
that God will inspire us to extend a genuine welcome,  
and enable them to find their true home in the Body of Christ.
4. For our Government and all politicians, especially for our new Prime Minister:  
that they may be filled with wisdom, and never be afraid to act with integrity,  
working for the common good of all.
5. For the sick:  
may they be sustained by the knowledge  
that the Lord holds them in the palm of his hand.
6. For all who have died, especially those in our parish:  
may they be led by the Light of Christ into the joy of God's presence.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail, Mary ...

#### Priest

Almighty and merciful God,  
from whom every blessing flows,  
only by your gift  
do your people offer you fitting service and praise;  
grant, we beseech you,  
that we may hasten without stumbling  
towards the joys that you promise.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.