

# Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 4B

Day of Prayer for Racial Justice

## General Intercessions

### Priest

Listening to the voice of the Lord, and with hearts attentive to God's word,  
we pray for the Church and for the world.

### Reader

1. For the Church;  
that we may seek to grow in faith, hope, and love,  
and share these with all who are seeking a direction for their life.

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

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

2. For all who are harassed, excluded, or mistrusted  
because of their ethnic background;  
that we who follow Christ will build a just and open society.
3. For the leaders of all nations,  
as they grapple with the complicated economic and health situations  
that face them;  
may the Lord will grant them the wisdom, compassion, and humility  
to make good decisions.
4. For all those suffering mentally, physically, or spiritually in this pandemic;  
may the Lord comfort and relieve them,  
and grant them the love and consolation of his Spirit.
5. For those who are suffering as a result of the recent flooding;  
may they know the love of God through the help and kindness of others.
6. For all who falter on their faith journey  
and struggle to believe in the triumph of life over death;  
may they find inspiration and strength in the witness of the Church.
7. For all our parishioners and loved ones who have died;  
that God will mee them face to face on their journey to eternal life.

### Priest

God of justice,  
you adorned the human race  
with a marvellous diversity,  
and you clothed each of its members  
with a dignity that may never be diminished.  
Instil in us respect for that dignity,  
that we may always champion for others  
the justice we seek for ourselves.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.