

# Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 6C

Day of Prayer for Racial Justice

## General Intercessions

### Priest

Blessed are those who delight in the Lord;  
and so, with great confidence, we pray for the Church and for the world.

### Reader

1. We pray for Pope Francis, and all Bishops, priests, deacons, and religious:  
that God in His love will show them the way  
to guide us beyond the things of this earth to our home in heaven.

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

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

2. We pray for world leaders:  
that, particularly at these times of uncertainty in Eastern Europe,  
they listen to each other,  
and come together to resolve mutual concerns  
made worse by historical problems and political differences.
3. We pray for an end to racial injustice:  
that all peoples recognise the need  
to look beyond skin colour or differences in culture,  
to see each other as we are in God's eyes,  
and to treat each other with love and respect.
4. We pray for the sick and lonely of our parishes:  
that they put their trust in God  
and feel the strength of God's love around them.
5. We pray for all those who have died,  
especially in our own families and who are held close to our hearts.
6. Let us ask Mary, our Mother, to join with us in our prayers: Hail Mary, ...

### 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.