

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 8C
Day of Prayer for Unemployed People
General Intercessions

Priest

The Lord is just; the Lord is our rock.
With confidence we can pray for the church and the world.

Reader

1. For all members of the Church;
that we will commend the Gospel of Christ by the witness of our life.

PAUSE for silent prayer — at least five seconds, please.

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

2. For the peace of the world;
for an end to conflict, violence, and division across the face of the earth;
we pray especially for the people of Ukraine.
3. For all who serve in politics, and all who work in business;
that God will direct them to secure fair and lasting employment.
4. We pray for those who seek work, but cannot find it;
and for all who face the threat of redundancy.
5. For all who feel excluded from the full life of the Church
because of their relationships;
may we be sensitive, compassionate, and welcoming
to all who seek the love of Christ.
6. For the faithful departed;
may they find eternal rest in the victory of Christ over death.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of our Saviour, to join her prayers with ours: Hail, Mary ...

Priest

O God, the giver of every good thing,
through our labour you give us a share
in your creative work.

Support all who suffer anxiety and deprivation
through lack of work.

Guide the people of this land
so to use its wealth and resources,
that those who seek employment may find it
and receive just payment for their work.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.