

## Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 17A General Intercessions

### **Priest**

The unfolding of God's word gives light and teaches the simple.  
With trust and with hope we respond in prayer.

### **Reader**

1. For the Church throughout the world;  
that we who are blessed with the gift of baptism  
will bear constant witness to the values of God's kingdom.

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

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

2. For governments and those who lead nations;  
that God will fill them with holy wisdom,  
and direct their work to secure peace, reconciliation, and justice for all peoples.
3. For all who are ill, and those who care for them;  
that God's healing grace will surround and sustain them.
4. For those who have now left school or university,  
and all who are looking for work.
5. For the people of our parishes;  
that God will bless each of us with a wise and discerning mind,  
that we may be single-hearted in our response to Jesus.
6. For the faithful departed;  
that all who have been justified by the grace of baptism  
will share the glory of Christ.

### **Priest**

God of eternal wisdom,  
you alone impart the gift of right judgement.

Grant us an understanding heart,  
that we may value wisely  
the treasure of your kingdom  
and gladly forgo all lesser gifts  
to possess that kingdom's incomparable joy.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.