

## Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 18A

### General Intercessions

#### Priest

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.  
With hope and with confidence, we pray for the Church and for the world.

#### Reader

1. For the Church:  
Pope Francis, bishops, priests, deacons, and Religious;  
may we all be fruitful labourers in the vineyard of the Lord,  
bearing justice, integrity, and love to all.

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

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

2. For world governments,  
as they make decisions which will affect the lives of millions of others;  
may they find solutions which will protect the health and well-being  
of the people of the global community.
3. For ourselves;  
that we may find time to rest and pray, as well as to work and play,  
be revived in strength, and in our trust in God's goodness.
4. For all who are victims of violence and greed;  
may they find justice and peace,  
and may the Lord bless all who work to help them.
5. For reverence for God's creation;  
may we recognise the world around us as God's gift,  
and work to promote care and respect for the soil, air, water, animals,  
and the human family.
6. For all who have died recently;  
may they experience the fullness of life in God's presence.

#### Priest

Bountiful and compassionate God,  
you place in the hands of your disciples  
the food of life.

Nourish us at your holy table,  
that we may bear Christ to others  
and share with them  
the gifts we have so richly received.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.