

## Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 22A General Intercessions

### Priest

Called as prophets to bear witness to our faith,  
we turn with confidence to God our Father, and ask in prayer for what we need.

### Reader

1. For the Church:  
may the Holy Spirit continue to renew us  
in the search for fresh ways of bringing Christ to our world.

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

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

2. For all who face insult and hardship today  
because of their faith in the Lord Jesus;  
that God will be very present to them in their struggle.
3. For those who are suffering and heavily burdened  
through bereavement or loss of employment:  
may they never forget that the Lord is with them in their struggle.
4. For all young people and their teachers who are beginning a new school year:  
may they return to their studies with enthusiasm  
and keep safe during their time in school.
5. For justice and peace throughout the world, especially at this time in America:  
may prejudice and violence cease, and a culture of acceptance prevail.
6. For the faithful departed:  
that the Lord will bring them safely into his kingdom.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail, Mary, ...

### Priest

O God,  
whose word burns like a fire within us,  
grant us a bold and faithful spirit,  
that in your strength we may be unafraid  
to speak your word  
and follow where you lead.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.