

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 23A  
General Intercessions

**Priest**

We are the flock led by God's hand.  
Confidently, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

**Reader**

1. For the Church throughout the world;  
that we will live the word of the Lord faithfully,  
and so build up the Body of Christ on earth.

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

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

2. For the troubled regions of the world,  
that people of every race, culture, and faith may live in peace.
3. For all who are ill, whether at home, in hospital, or in the hospice;  
for everyone who has asked us to remember them.
4. For our school pupils and teachers;  
those who are leaving home to go to college or university;  
and all who work in education.
5. For all members of our parishes;  
that we will faithfully gather together to pray in the name of the Lord,  
and so become strong in bearing witness to him  
by loving our neighbour.
6. For the faithful departed, especially those who have died recently,  
and those whose anniversary we keep;  
we pray, too, for all who are recently bereaved.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail, Mary, ...

**Priest**

Confirm, O God, in unity and truth  
the Church you gather in Christ.  
Encourage the fervent,  
enlighten the doubtful,  
and bring back the wayward.  
Bind us together in mutual love,  
that our prayer in Christ's name  
may be pleasing to you.  
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.