

Season of Season of Ordinary Time : St Peter & St Paul *apostles*

General Intercessions

Priest

In communion with the saints of God throughout the ages,
we pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For the Church;
for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, our Bishop, Paul,
all bishops, clergy and religious:
that the Lord grant them wisdom, patience and understanding
to guide us and keep up our spirits during the pandemic.

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

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

2. For Christian unity:
may all divisions within the Christian community be healed,
as they were between Peter and Paul,
and may we all be bound into one body in love, and in the service of Christ.
3. For all who are caught up in the pandemic;
for the sick and their carers; those in isolation,
and for all who have lost their jobs or businesses:
may the Lord sustain them during these exceedingly difficult times.
4. For an end to the coronavirus;
we pray for co-operation between nations,
in order to give all researchers and scientists from different countries
a better chance of finding a cure or a vaccine.
5. We pray that the respect and dignity of human beings,
regardless of race or colour or background, be enshrined in our lives.
6. For all who have died:
may they be at peace in God's presence.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Living Lord,
to join her prayers with ours as we say: Hail, Mary....

Priest

Sustain us, Lord our God,
through the prayers of the apostles Peter and Paul.
By their preaching you first gave your Church
the message of eternal life;
through their intercession
grant us now the means of salvation.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.