

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 18C

General Intercessions

Priest

The Lord has been our refuge from one generation to the next.
So let us pray with confidence for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. We pray for Pope Francis as he reminds us our families are a great gift:
Let us give thanks to our parents and grandparents,
who helped us feel welcome in the world and who love us unconditionally,
without expecting anything back.

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

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

2. We pray for the Church:
that all who follow Christ will look beyond this world to its Creator
so that we may appreciate the kingdom to which God has called us.
3. We pray for peace in the world:
That all who are involved in causing violence or warfare
may have a change of heart
and sit down with their victims and aggressors to reach peaceful solutions.
4. We pray for families and students who are enjoying the summer break:
that they may return to their work and studies
feeling refreshed and well rested, having created special memories.
5. We pray for households which are struggling:
that they may receive the support they need without feeling inferior.
6. We pray for all who have died,
especially for those who have died alone, with no-one to comfort them.
7. We come together in God's love:
Let us ask Mary, our mother, to bring our prayers to God the Father: Hail, Mary.

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Lord,
be present to your servants who call upon you,
and bless us with your unfailing kindness.
Since we glory to have you as our maker and ruler,
restore in us the beauty of your creation
and keep intact the gifts you have restored.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.