

Season of Ordinary Time : Sunday 21C General Intercessions

Priest

Strong is God's love for us; faithful for ever.

With confidence, then, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For Christian communities throughout the world;
that all people may find a welcome in the gathering of the Church.

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

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

2. For all who are persecuted because of their faith in Jesus Christ;
that the Lord will be close to them in their struggle.
3. For an end to terror and violence throughout the world;
for victims of violence in our own towns and cities;
we ask God's wisdom for all who seek to lead people in the ways of peace.
4. For our young people
who have received or who are awaiting the results of their examinations;
in particular, we ask God's blessing on all who will soon leave home.
5. For all members of our parishes and everyone with us this weekend;
that our lives of faith will lead others to know the Holy One of God.
6. For the faithful departed, especially those who have died recently,
and all whose anniversaries we keep;
may they rest in peace, and rise in glory.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers to ours: Hail, Mary ...

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O God,
you inspire the hearts of the faithful
with a single longing.
Grant that your people
may love what you command
and desire what you promise,
so that, amid the uncertain things of this world,
our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.