

AUGUST 2, 2026 — OCTOBER 25, 2026

Universal Prayers

(Prayers of the Faithful)



General Intercessions
Or
Universal Prayers (Prayers of the Faithful)

The norms governing “The Universal Prayer” are given in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, nos. 69–71. Formulas helpful to the composition of these intercessions are offered in the following pages; the samples proposed depend heavily upon the Mass formularies for the respective Sundays and feasts. A more general series of intercessory petitions would be as follows:

Introductory Invitation:

We have opened our hearts and minds to the wisdom of God in the Liturgy of the Word. Now let us turn to him humbly and sincerely with these common petitions:

For our Holy Father the Pope, for our (Arch)Bishop N., and all the pastors and priests of this (arch)diocese: that they be blessed with the zeal and courage to proclaim the values and the obligations of our holy religion, we pray to the Lord—

For our civil leaders and representatives on the national and local levels: that their laws and their lives be an inspiration to all citizens by reflecting right reason and divine revelation, we pray to the Lord—

For our youth in particular: that they be given the encouragement and the guidance to resist the immoral and sinful presence of current pagan culture, we pray to the Lord—

For the sick, the needy, the aged, and the lonely: that they be consoled spiritually by the gifts of grace and also receive care, aid, and loving concern from relatives, friends, and neighbors, we pray to the Lord—

For those who have died recently: that they may speedily attain the blessedness of heaven, we pray to the Lord—

For the personal intentions of each one here present . . . , we pray to the Lord—

Concluding Prayer

God of mercy and compassion, bless us by granting these common petitions, for we plead to you in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

AUGUST—*For evangelization in the city*

—Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

SEPTEMBER—*For the care of water*

—Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

OCTOBER—*For mental health ministry*

—Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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August 2, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Acknowledging that God is the source of our life, let us turn to the merciful Lord.

For the Holy Father. May he inspire others to be more compassionate servants of Christ. Let us pray to the Lord—

For leaders around the world. May they work together to ensure that everyone has access to affordable food and housing. Let us pray to the Lord—

For our faith community. May we continue to share the joy of the Gospel with all those we encounter. Let us pray to the Lord—

For all those experiencing the profound loss of a friend or family member. May they find comfort in the memories, and may they experience hope in knowing death is not the end. Let us pray to the Lord—

For our deceased loved ones. May they rest in eternity with our heavenly Father. Let us pray to the Lord—

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Gracious Father, hear our prayers and grant them according to your will. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

August 9, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Gracious God, you give us hope in times of doubt.

For the Holy Father and all who lead. May they inspire people to hope even in times of uncertainty. Let us pray to the Lord—

For political leaders. May they work toward solutions that uphold the dignity of the person and meet everyone's basic needs. Let us pray to the Lord—

For our parish community. May we be a source of hope for our community and inspire others to love their neighbors well. Let us pray to the Lord—

For anyone who struggles with substance abuse. May they place their hope in the loving God and seek the treatment they need. Let us pray to the Lord—

For those who have died. May they rest with God for all eternity. Let us pray to the Lord—

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Loving God, hear our prayers and let us not lose hope as we follow you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

August 15, 2026

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Acknowledging God is the source of our life, let us turn to him in prayer.

For the Holy Father and all who lead. May they hasten to help others like Mary helped Elizabeth. Let us pray to the Lord—

For government officials. May their policies reflect a deep care for God's creation. Let us pray to the Lord—

For members of our parish who have experienced the grief of infertility or child loss. Let us pray to the Lord—

For pregnant mothers. May they feel supported by their community as they prepare to welcome new life. Let us pray to the Lord—

For the faithful who have died. May they experience a heavenly reward. Let us pray to the Lord—

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Loving God, hear the prayers that we have spoken aloud and those that we hold in our hearts. Grant them according to your will through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Let us place our prayers in the loving hands of our gracious and merciful God.

For the Holy Father. May he shepherd the flock with mercy and compassion. We pray to the Lord—

For civil leaders. May they compassionately listen to communities and individuals in crisis and seek help for them. We pray to the Lord—

For our parish community. May we heal the earth through our sustainable actions and continued care for creation. We pray to the Lord—

For those suffering from illness, especially those who are terminally ill. May they keep their faith even during this time of deep suffering. We pray to the Lord—

For those who have gone before marked with the sign of faith. May they be united with Christ for eternity. We pray to the Lord—

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God of love, we ask you to look on us with mercy and grant these prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

August 23, 2026

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Let us turn to our loving God in prayer for our world and for our community.

For the church. May the faithful followers share the name of Christ and his message of love. We pray to the Lord—

For leaders. May they respond to the needs of the poor and oppressed and see the innate dignity of all peoples. We pray to the Lord—

For the community gathered here today. May we be loving and charitable with our responses to those who test our patience. We pray to the Lord—

For civil servants. May they serve their communities with compassion. We pray to the Lord—

For the faithful departed and all those from the parish who have died this week. May they experience the fullness of eternal life. We pray to the Lord—

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Merciful God, we offer these prayers to you. Grant them according to your will through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

August 30, 2026

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Acknowledging that God has given us so much, we lift up our prayers and concerns.

For the Holy Father. May he not lose faith, especially as challenges arise, and may he always guide people back to our loving Lord. We pray—

For leaders around the world. May they work through obstacles and find solutions that uphold the dignity of life. We pray—

For our faith community. May we not lose hope when we experience disappointment or loss. We pray—

For therapists and counselors. May they know the importance of their work in helping improve mental health. We pray—

For the faithful witnesses who have gone before us. May they be enjoying a heavenly reward. We pray—

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Compassionate and merciful Father, hear the genuineness of our intercessions and, in your mercy, grant them through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

September 6, 2026

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Inspired by God's promise that where two or three are gathered in God's name, God is in our midst, we offer these prayers as a community of faith.

For the church. May this sacrament of God's presence in the world continue to be a space for forming disciples to respond to the call to love one another. We pray to the Lord—

For those in positions of power and influence. May they recognize that we do, indeed, owe love to one another, and may they design policies to help all fulfill this calling. We pray to the Lord—

For those who need assistance and support for their physical or spiritual well-being. May all people recognize the responsibility we have to care for each other and take action in love to help meet each other's needs. We pray to the Lord—

For the members of this community of faith, gathered in God's name. May we know the gift of accompaniment and be inspired to heed the call when we hear God's voice. We pray to the Lord—

For all who have died. May they be welcomed into God's presence as sheep of the flock so that they may joyfully sing God's praises in heaven. We pray to the Lord—

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Lord our God, you are the rock of our salvation. Hear these prayers of your people, who strive to love one another, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

September 13, 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Encouraged by St. Paul's guarantee that "whether we live or die, we are the Lord's," we turn to the Lord with these prayers.

For the church, that all members of this Body of Christ may be ministers of mercy, bringing God's kindness and compassion to a world that is often quick to anger and enamored with wrathfulness, we pray to the Lord—

For leaders everywhere, that in times of trial they may follow the model of the king who chose mercy instead of the servant who sought vengeance, and thereby contribute to the creation of a gentler world, we pray to the Lord—

For all victims of violence and injustice, that they may experience the protections of God's compassion, and that those who have harmed them may learn to "set enmity aside" to end the cycle of violence, we pray to the Lord—

For the members of this community of faith, that through the gift of God's forgiveness we may know the freedom of having the burden of sin lifted and feel empowered to live a new life in Christ, we pray to the Lord—

For all those who have died, that they may experience the breadth of God's surpassing kindness and generous pardon, coming to live in God's presence forever, we pray to the Lord—

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Lord our God, we know you are "kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion." We therefore ask you to hear the prayers of your faithful servants, in Jesus' name. Amen.

September 20, 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Reminded of the need to “[s]eek the Lord while he may be found, / [to] call him while he is near,” let us turn to the Lord with our petitions.

For the church, that we as the people of God may recommit ourselves to the “fruitful labor” of sharing God’s love and compassion with a world in need, we pray to the Lord—

For all leaders, that they may heed the example of the generous landowner and remember Jesus’ guarantee that “the last will be first” in the kingdom of heaven, so that they can prioritize the needs of the least well-off in all their work, we pray to the Lord—

For all laborers, that they may find employers who recognize the dignity of human work and the irreducible value of the human worker and therefore choose to partner with their employees in generosity and justice, we pray to the Lord—

For the members of this community of faith, that we may persevere in the practice of seeking God in all things and come to know God’s presence guiding us through this life, we pray to the Lord—

For all those who have died, that after their labors in the vineyard, they may find that “death is gain,” as they are finally able to be one with Christ, we pray to the Lord—

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Gracious God, confident that you are “near to all who call upon” you, we ask you to hear our prayers in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

September 27, 2026

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Convinced that God is “[g]ood and upright,” ever “guid[ing] the humble to justice,” let us bring our prayers before the Lord.

For the church. May this communion of disciples be a sacrament of mercy, welcoming all who come to do God’s will no matter when they decide to turn to God. We pray to the Lord—

For civic leaders and all in positions of power. May they have the attitude that St. Paul teaches in Christ so that they will humbly regard others as more important than themselves and thus put the common good ahead of any narrow personal or group self-interest. We pray to the Lord—

For those people whose work makes them outcasts in society. May they have confidence that the kingdom is for everyone who turns to God, and may all people be inspired by God’s kindness to see the innate dignity in all our neighbors. We pray to the Lord—

For the members of this community of faith. May we resist the temptations of polarization and division that are too common in our society today and instead become one people “of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart” so as to serve God more fully. We pray to the Lord—

For all those who have died. May they be remembered in God’s kindness and shown the way to rest in perpetual peace with God. We pray to the Lord—

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God, reassured by the confidence that your way is fair in a fashion our ways are not, we ask you to hear our prayers in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

October 4, 2026

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Confident that our Lord has grand plans for the flourishing of the vineyard God has planted, let us make our requests known to God as St. Paul instructed.

For the church, that the people God has called to be true workers in the vineyard support God's efforts to bring about the kingdom, we pray to the Lord—

For all our leaders, that they may be guided by what is true, honorable, and just to view their roles as a form of public service that promotes “the peace of God that surpasses all understanding,” we pray to the Lord—

For those who depend on the land for their livelihood, that they may have the benefit of God's care to help yield a bountiful harvest, and that they may have the support of their communities when yields are difficult, we pray to the Lord—

For the members of this community of faith, that, inspired by the Word, we may truly become a “people that will produce . . . fruit” for God's kingdom in all our interactions, we pray to the Lord—

For all who have died, that by grace they may be given new life with God, whose face may shine upon them forever, we pray to the Lord—

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Lord our God, aware of the care you give to all in your vineyard, we ask you to hear the requests we make known to you today in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

October 11, 2026

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

As sheep turn to their shepherd in their need, we now turn to our Lord with these petitions.

For the church, that as a flock we may be strengthened by the conviction that God is at our side and thus be empowered to fear no evil in the work of striving to do God's will every day, we pray to the Lord—

For world leaders, that they may be inspired by God's model of atonement to seek the restoration of broken relationships, prioritizing peace and transformation in a world marred by sin, we pray to the Lord—

For those who have known the realities of hunger and other forms of suffering in this life, that God may “fully supply whatever” they lack, and that those who know the comfort of being well-fed will find ways to assist their neighbors in need, we pray to the Lord—

For the members of this community of faith, that we may come to recognize our dependence upon God “[i]n every circumstance and in all things” so that, among the many who are invited, we may remain God's chosen few, we pray to the Lord—

For all those who have died, that through the gift of God's work of atonement they may enjoy the “feast of . . . juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines” that have been promised for those whom God has saved, we pray to the Lord—

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O Lord, you promise to “provide for all peoples.” Hear the prayers of your people gathered here today, through the intercession of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

October 18, 2026

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Inspired by a God who “governs the peoples with equity,” let us make our needs known before the Lord.

For the church, that this people may make God known to all the nations by the way we live our lives in God’s service, we pray to the Lord—

For all political leaders, that they may recognize the distinctions between the responsibilities of earthly and heavenly authority, and help all “repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God,” we pray to the Lord—

For those struggling to discern their vocation, that they may remember their ultimate calling to holiness and have confidence to become everything God imagined they might become when formed in God’s image and likeness, we pray to the Lord—

For the members of this faith community, that we may serve God with the “work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope” as we strive to give God glory and honor in all that we do, we pray to the Lord—

For all those who have died, that they may experience the joy of being called by name into God’s presence and rest now in God’s wondrous deeds, we pray to the Lord—

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Lord, you ask us to repay to God what belongs to God. Hear the prayers of the people gathered now to give you glory and honor, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

October 25, 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Assured that the Lord is compassionate and especially attentive to those in need, let us express our prayers to our God.

For the church, that all followers may be true imitators of the love God modeled in the life of Christ so that they may be a model for all the believers, we pray to the Lord—

For all leaders, that they may be moved by the special care God has for the “widow,” the “orphan,” the “alien,” and all those in need, and thereby come to give special attention to the least well-off as they craft policies and govern God’s people, we pray to the Lord—

For the “poor neighbors among [God’s] people,” that they may know the care and support of God’s faithful people who have been called to love their neighbors as themselves, we pray to the Lord—

For the members of this community of faith gathered today, that we may come to love God ever more deeply and in the process be inspired to love and care for all those whom God loves as well, we pray to the Lord—

For all those who have died, that they may know the kindness shown to the anointed and live forever in God’s protection, for God is our fortress and deliverer, we pray to the Lord—

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O God, you are our rock of refuge and our shield. Hear our prayers as we lift them up to you this day in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For a Wedding

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Let us turn to the Lord of love with our needs, hopes, and concerns.

For the pope. May he guide the faithful to be witnesses of the light of Christ through their actions. We pray to the Lord—

For all married couples. May they inspire others through their faithful commitment to their spouses and to Christ. We pray to the Lord—

For _____ and _____. May their love and compassion grow as they mature in age and wisdom. We pray to the Lord—

For those gathered here today for the marriage of _____ and _____. May we be sources of encouragement and strength as _____ and _____ continue to cultivate their relationship. We pray to the Lord—

For those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially our friends and family members. May they rejoice with God for all eternity. We pray to the Lord—

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Lord of compassion, hear the prayers that we have offered and, in your mercy, accomplish them according to your will. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For a Funeral

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Acknowledging that God is our strength, we offer these prayers.

For _____, who lived as a faithful witness to the Gospel.
May _____ enjoy God's eternal reward. We pray to the Lord—

For the pope and the entire church. May they live out the Beatitudes and inspire others to follow Christ through their witness of love in the world. We pray to the Lord—

For peace around the world, especially in areas of conflict and civil unrest. We pray to the Lord—

For the poor and vulnerable. May Christians around the world unite to alleviate all suffering through acting upon the works of mercy. We pray to the Lord—

For all those gathered here today for the funeral liturgy of _____.
May we find peace and comfort, even in our suffering. We pray to the Lord—

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Loving God, hear the prayers that we have spoken and the ones in the silence of our hearts. We ask you to grant them through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

The Virgin Mary models for us the power of prayer and the merciful love of God, let us gather our needs in prayer to present to God.

May all leaders of the Church follow the example of Mary as people of prayer, we pray to the Lord—

May all leaders of the nations follow the example of Mary as people of compassion, we pray to the Lord—

May all parents follow the example of Mary as people of deep faith, we pray to the Lord—

May all people follow the example of Mary as people of abiding trust in God, we pray to the Lord—

May all people follow the example of Mary as people who respect all life, we pray to the Lord—

May those who have died, especially _____ and _____, be welcomed to eternal life by Mary's son, we pray to the Lord—

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Good and gracious God, you have given us Mary as an intercessor, may she intercede for us and be an inspiration to us as we journey to our eternal reward. Hear our prayers and help us in our need. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—1

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Almighty God has gathered us in this time and place around the altar and before the cross, let us ask for the grace to nurture our community:

Through the power of the cross inspire the leaders of the Church to greater care of the People of God, we pray to the Lord—

Through the power of the cross inspire the leaders of the nations to greater care of all people in need, we pray to the Lord—

Through the power of the cross renew the spirit of this community of faith in witness to the Gospel, we pray to the Lord—

Through the power of the cross bless all gathered here in prayer, give us new life in the shadow of the cross, we pray to the Lord—

Through the power of the cross give comfort to all who are ill, and peace to those grown old in service to the Church, we pray to the Lord—

Through the power of the cross lead all who have died, especially _____ and _____, to eternal life, we pray to the Lord.

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Almighty God, source of every blessing, as you accepted the sacrifice of your Son on the cross, accept our prayers and fill us with your blessings. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—2

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Let us bring our needs and the needs of all creation to our all wise and loving God:

For the Church, all the members and leaders of the Body of Christ, may we grow in faith and love, we pray to the Lord—

For the nations, may all peoples work together for the establishment of peace and justice for all, we pray to the Lord—

For blessings on our labors, that our work be fruitful, we pray to the Lord—

For all who are burdened, may they find relief, we pray to the Lord—

For the realization that all life is a blessing to be cherished from conception to natural death, we pray to the Lord—

For those who have died, especially _____ and _____, may they enter into their eternal reward in the Kingdom of God, we pray to the Lord—

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Glorious God, you sent your only Son to show us the way to eternal life. Hear the prayers of all your people whom you have called to the service of love. Open our eyes to see the way of your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—3

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Knowing God knows our needs and deepest longings, with confidence we pray:

That Pope Leo and all ministers of the word and sacrament be people of true conversion and speak with prophetic voices, we pray to the Lord—

That all leaders of nations be people of true dedication to the good of all humanity and not only their local interests, we pray to the Lord—

That all citizens accept their duty to respect the natural resources of the earth and prudently manage them, we pray to the Lord—

That the members of this community recognize the gifts they have received and follow the Holy Spirit and feed the hungry of heart, we pray to the Lord—

That those who need shelter, food, or support find what they need in our generosity, we pray to the Lord—

That all who have died, especially _____ and _____, will be welcomed to eternal life by the Lord, we pray to the Lord—

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Loving God, source of all good gifts, we praise you and thank you for your blessings. Hear our prayers which we make through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—4

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Conscious of God's upholding grace, let us offer our prayers to God:

That the Lord protect and guide the pope and all who lead the Church, we pray to the Lord—

That the Lord grant peace and justice to all the peoples and nations of the world, we pray to the Lord—

That the Lord bless our families and friends with good health, we pray to the Lord—

That the Lord call men and women to lives of service in the Church, especially to the vocations of priesthood and religious life, we pray to the Lord—

That the Lord help us respect all human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, we pray to the Lord—

That the Lord welcome, _____ and _____, and all who have died into eternal life, we pray to the Lord—

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Lord, God, may we who embrace the redemptive mystery of your divine plan on earth come to possess it with you in heaven. May your Son lead us into your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—5

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

In the power of the Spirit who helps us to pray rightly, let us ask God to renew us and the face of the earth.

May the pilgrim Church, under the leadership of Pope Leo, proclaim its love of Christ with fidelity and humility, we pray to the Lord—

May the peoples and nations of the world, accept God's call to live in holiness and peace, we pray to the Lord—

May the hungry and the homeless, the abused and the neglected know the consolation and assistance they need, we pray to the Lord—

May those afflicted and tempted be strengthened and assisted by the grace of the Spirit, we pray to the Lord—

May all people always respect all human life from conception to natural death, we pray to the Lord—

May all who have died, especially _____ and _____, be welcomed to eternal life by the Lord of life, we pray to the Lord—

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God who sends the Spirit to be with us, we welcome your gift. Hear our prayers, unleash your Spirit again on your longing world. We ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—6

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Let us turn to God with our special needs and prayers:

Draw your fragmented Church together in common concern for all who need support and guidance, let us pray to the Lord—

Continue to press our nation to redeem its promise of equality for all people, let us pray to the Lord—

Remind us of all the ways our lives have been enriched by family, friends and communities, let us pray to the Lord—

Strengthen our patience for those who fail, are addicted or cannot meet our expectations, let us pray to the Lord—

Enrich our respect for the gift of life from conception to the moment of death, let us pray to the Lord—

Help us treasure and always remember those who have gone before us, especially _____ and _____, may we always honor their memory, let us pray to the Lord—

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Loving God, we offer our prayers for a world reconciled to you and one another. May we be agents of reconciliation in our community and family and work for it. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—7

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Jesus is the Good Shepherd, let us pray that we who hear his voice will follow where he leads:

For the Church, that we be willing to lay down our lives for others as Jesus laid down his life for us, we pray to the Lord—

For recently baptized and those preparing to be, that Jesus lead all of us through the dark valleys of our fears to the refreshment of life with God, we pray to the Lord—

For any threatened by natural disaster, that they may know the presence of the Good Shepherd in the care and concern shown to them by others, we pray to the Lord—

For vocations, may Jesus call and lead men and women to ministry and religious life in the Church, we pray to the Lord—

For the sick, that they see in us a sign of the Good Shepherd who sustains them and bears them close to his heart, we pray to the Lord—

For those who have died, especially _____ and _____, that they may follow the Good Shepherd to eternal rest with God, we pray to the Lord—

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Loving God, your Son Jesus Christ seeks us out and calls us by name. Grant that we may follow his call and be shepherds who rescue the lost, heal the wounded, and feed one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—8

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

The living Word of God proclaimed in our midst gives us the courage to gather our needs.

That the Church and her leaders may be authentic witnesses to the love and presence of God, we pray to the Lord—

That governmental officials and the leaders of nations may be selfless in their efforts to bring about justice and peace for all people, we pray to the Lord—

That the young may strive to lead lives based on positive values and may find in us good examples of Christian living, we pray to the Lord—

That all who suffer in any way may find solace through the ministry of the Christian community, we pray to the Lord—

That the gift of human life be treasured by all people, guarded by law and respected by all, we pray to the Lord—

That those who have died, especially _____ and _____ of our community, will enter eternal life in company with all the saints, we pray to the Lord—

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Merciful God, help us to know and do your will. Be our strong support and guide. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—9

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Let us gather our needs and the needs of all people as we pray:

For the Church, God's people, may we welcome the Word given to us and have the courage to be guided by it in our lives, we pray to the Lord—

For the leaders of nations, may they be guided by the desire to further the well being of all people, we pray to the Lord—

For those deprived of food, shelter or love, may their needs be met by those who have put on the life of Christ, we pray to the Lord—

For good and seasonable weather, may the labor which produces our food be successful, we pray to the Lord—

For a deep abiding respect for all human life, from conception to natural death, we pray to the Lord—

For all who have died, especially _____ and _____, may they come to the banquet of eternal life in the presence of Christ, we pray to the Lord—

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God of love, be our guide and goal. Help us always in our journey to you. Be our sure refuge and strength. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—10

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

We know the wisdom and power of God, let us pray for our needs and those of all people.

For God's people, the church, may we who listen to prophets follow the law of love, let us pray to the Lord—

For angry people in our world, and for those who are victims of anger and hate, let us pray to the Lord—

For those who are struggling in pain and sacrifice out of love for God, let us pray to the Lord—

For the wisdom and courage to use our freedom to choose good, not evil, let us pray to the Lord—

For the humility to respect the gift of human life from conception to natural death, let us pray to the Lord—

For the dying, and those who have died, especially _____ and _____, may they have the hope of eternal life, let us pray to the Lord—

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Mighty God, wise beyond our wisdom, sharpen our sense of goodness so that we may always choose life and give us a greater appreciation of the demands of love. Hear the prayers of your people enlightened by the gift of your Holy Spirit. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—11

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Having heard the Word of God, we gather our prayers together
and ask that God hear our needs.

That the Church bring the light of consolation to those suffering
from religious persecution, we pray to the Lord

That the leaders of the nations bring the light of peace to those
troubled by oppression and war, we pray to the Lord—

That those suffering in mind or body be given the light of freedom
and healing, we pray to the Lord—

That we bring the light of truth and justice to those who are victims
of malicious speech or false accusation, we pray to the Lord—

That we bring our respect for life to all we do and say, we pray to
the Lord—

That those who have died, especially _____ and _____,
will enter eternal life and be numbered among the saints, we pray
to the Lord—

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God of light, unfetter us from fear. Give us a courageous faith
so we may transform our society and renew our world. We ask
this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—12

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

With confidence we pray for our needs and the needs of our world.

For those who serve Christ the King as guardians and shepherds in our Church, may they be open to the vision and breath of the Kingdom of God, we pray to the Lord—

For those who struggle against oppression and violence, may they know the justice and peace of the Kingdom of God, we pray to the Lord—

For poets, artists, and all creative individuals, may they help all of us know and experience the grace and truth of the Kingdom of God, we pray to the Lord—

For all who harbor hatred and vengeance in their hearts, may they come to know the forgiveness of the Kingdom of God, we pray to the Lord—

For all who honor and respect the gift of life, may all people grow in their commitment to the holiness of the Kingdom of God, we pray to the Lord—

For all who have died, especially those we remember in the silence of our hearts [*pause for silent prayer*], may they now live with Christ the King in the Kingdom of God, we pray to the Lord—

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Loving Father, through your Son you have rescued us from darkness and brought us into your Kingdom. Strengthen us to be faithful to this gift and bring us ever closer to your Son who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, both now and forever. Amen.