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Intro

Good Morning.

One of the requests that were made when I became Director of Liturgy was to keep things “simple and practical.” To this end, I am going to try and send out a sample set of intercessions for use in our parishes each week.

You will notice that the first four follow the pattern of the GIRM (church, world, needy, local community) and that a fifth one has been added which allows us to pray for the dead. While this intercession normally comes at the end of Evening Prayer II, it has become custom in many of our communities across Canada to pray for those who have gone before us marked with the “Sign of Faith.” As per the directives, the intercessions will be both general and intercessory. There will not be intercessions which target a particular project nor will there be prayers of “thanks” as these are included in the Eucharistic Prayer.

You are quite welcome to adapt these as you see fit and I suggest that you pause for some reflection between each intercession.

Should you choose to add an intercession, I would encourage you to drop one and to keep the wording and sentence structure brief.

I hope that in writing these and sending them to you weekly, we can pray for challenges which are before us in the newspapers, on our televisions and on the web.

If there is feedback indicating that this is helpful, I would be happy to keep providing this framework for you.

In brief, I have to write these for my own community and am happy to share with you the fruits of my reflection.

Yours in His Service,
Michael Bechard (Rev.)

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The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
4 November 2012

For women and men who lead the Christian community, following in the footsteps of the apostles, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For nations of the world struggling to make manifest God's Reign of peace and justice, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those affected by storms and disasters this week, seeking strength in the midst of chaos and fear, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in this community discerning the best way to serve God and our neighbor in our homes and our places of work, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died longing for peace in God's presence and for those who mourn their loss, we pray to the Lord.

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Memo – The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Good Morning.

For this Sunday, I have attempted to weave themes from the readings of the day, recognizing that our country also honours on this day, men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

Again, if you choose to adapt what is below, keep in mind that the General Instruction of the Roman Missal indicates that there are to be four intercessions offered: for the Church, the world, the needy and for the particular assembly gathered in prayer. The fifth intercession is normally and properly offered, during Evening Prayer II.

The feedback received from last week's intercessions was very positive. If you have any questions or suggestions for future practice and distribution, please do not hesitate to write.

Pax,
Michael Bechard (Rev.)
Director of Liturgy

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The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
11 November 2012

For our Bishop, Ronald Fabbro and for all leading our diocese in faith, hope and love, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those serving our country in the Canadian Forces and for God's blessing on all who work for peace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the poor and needy in our community longing for the basic necessities of life, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community offering itself in humility and meekness, trusting that God multiplies are gifts tenfold, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our loved ones who have died and are awaiting a place at the Eternal Banquet, we pray to the Lord.

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The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
18 November 2012

For Bishop Fabbro and for our pastors sharing in the priesthood of Christ Jesus, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For political leaders in our community inviting citizens of our country to walk with God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the hungry and homeless in our communities searching for shelter and sustenance, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community opening its heart to the Reign of God in our midst, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those that have died now awaiting a place of eternal peace and rest, we pray to the Lord.

The Solemnity of Christ the King (B)
25 November 2012

That the Church be given strength in her ministry of proclaiming the Reign of God to the ends of the earth, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That nations of the world come together in serving God in accordance with the values of the gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That a just and equitable solution be provided for the peoples of Israel and Palestine, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That as citizens of God's Kingdom, all that we do might be directed to glorifying our Father in heaven, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who have died be given a place with the angels and saints before the throne of God, we pray to the Lord.

The First Sunday of Advent (C)
2 December 2012

Below, please find suggested intercessions for the First Sunday. You will notice from the lectionary and from the collects of the day that the focus for the first two weeks of Advent is on the Parousia, while the last two weeks prepare us for the Nativity of The Lord.

Depending on the nature and make-up of your assembly, you may wish to consider a seasonal response to the invocations. Something like "Maranatha, Come, Lord Jesus," has been very effective in my parish.

M. Bechard
Director of Liturgy

For the Church remaining vigilant in reading the signs of the times, we pray to The Lord.

(PAUSE)

For nations longing for a fulfillment of God's promise of peace, we pray to The Lord.

(PAUSE)

For families preparing for the birth of a child and for those parenting under difficult circumstances, we pray to The Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this gathering of the faithful patiently waiting for Christ's return, we pray to The Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead awaiting the full manifestation of the glory of God, we pray to The Lord.

The Second Sunday of Advent (C)
9 December 2012

That the Church be steadfast in proclaiming God's mercy as she prepares for Christ's return in glory, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those serving in political office fill in the valleys of poverty and level the mountains of injustice and violence, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the dignity of human life from conception to natural death be respected and upheld, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That through this feast our love increase and that we be filled with the fruits of God's grace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the good work begun in our deceased brothers and sisters be brought to fulfillment in God's presence, we pray to the Lord.

The Third Sunday of Advent (C)
19 December 2012

For the Church rejoicing in the presence of the Holy One of Israel in our midst, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For refugees and all those displaced by global conflicts searching for shelter and security, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those suffering with fear and anxiety who long for peace of mind and heart, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the members of this assembly providing faithful witness to the Good News that has been shown to us, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died awaiting a place at the Wedding Feast of the Lamb, we pray to the Lord.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)
23 December 2012

For the Church waiting in joy-filled expectation for the fulfillment of God's promises we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For troubled nations in the global community striving for justice and security, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have suffered abuse at the hands of the church's ministers and for their healing, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community of faith striving to know and to live the will of the Father, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died and for those mourning their loss, seeking comfort in the promise of resurrection, we pray to the Lord.

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (C)
24-25 December 2012

For the Christian Community as it proclaims the glory of God to the ends of the earth, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For global leaders and all people of good who bear witness to God's ways of justice and peace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the poor, the needy and for those who find this season difficult and burdensome, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this assembly, strengthened at the Eucharist as we testify to the presence of "God with Us," we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died and await a place before the throne of God, we pray to the Lord.

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (C)
30 December 2012

For leaders in the Christian Community inviting us into a deeper relationship with the Father, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For members of our government working to uphold the dignity of family life and the values of the gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our brothers and sisters experiencing burdens and hardships in their relationships and homes, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this family of faith celebrating God's presence for us at the Tables of the Word and Sacrament, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our brothers and sisters who have died longing for a place at the heavenly banquet, we pray to the Lord.

The Solemnity of Mary – Mother of God (C)
1 January 2013

For the Church glorifying God through a consistent imitation of the life of Mary, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the nations of the world who together are embracing the ways of peace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in our community weighed down with sickness in mind, body and spirit seeking healing, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this assembly asking that our New Year worship bring us God's blessing in the month's ahead, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died longing to enjoy the fullness of life in God's presence, we pray to the Lord.

The Epiphany of the Lord (C)
6 January 2013

For Christians proclaiming the glory of God to the ends of the earth, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the kings and rulers of the nations guiding their people in the ways of peace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the poor and needy longing for an epiphany of peace and justice, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community seeking the presence of Christ under a multitude of stars, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead waiting to receive admittance to the Eternal Banquet, we pray to the Lord.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (C)
13 January 2013

For all those who have become God's children through the saving waters of baptism,
we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in public office who bring comfort to all those who are oppressed and
weighed down, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For young people who seek wisdom and insight in discerning how God is calling
them to service, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community seeking grace to extend mercy and peace as it has been extended
first to us, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died in the hopes of resurrection and for God's blessing on those
who mourn their loss, we pray to the Lord.

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
20 January 2013

That the Church come to an ever deepening awareness of the will of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That God's marvelous deeds continue to be proclaimed to all the nations, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That our First Nations and elected officials continue to work for peace and justice, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That this assembly of the faithful bear witness to the glory shown to us in this Eucharist, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who have died experience the fullness of life in God's presence, we pray to the Lord.

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
27 January 2013

For those baptized into Christ's Body, serving the Church through love and faith-filled service, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For women and men in public office open to God's Spirit guiding their decisions and labours, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who are poor and imprisoned longing to hear words of comfort and liberty, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in this community celebrating God's loving presence in this gathering, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those that have died awaiting a place of eternal rest and for those who mourn their passing, we pray to the Lord.

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
3 February 2013

For the Church striving to be the embodiment of God's love for the world, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For leaders in our country being guided by the values of the gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those working to uphold the dignity of human life from conception until natural death, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our community seeking instruction and nourishment in this Sacrificial Banquet, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those that have died longing for a place at the Banquet of the Lamb, we pray to the Lord.

Ash Wednesday (C)
13 February 2013

For the Church preparing to celebrate the joy of the resurrection through works of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For areas in the world laboring under the heavy burdens of violence and injustice seeking the peace of God's Reign, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those preparing to receive new life in Christ through the waters of baptism and for those who accompany them on their journey, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our community striving in this season to offer a selfless witness in the service of the gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those that have died longing for a place at the Banquet of the Lamb and for those who seek comfort and consolation, we pray to the Lord.

The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)
10 February 2013

For the baptized bearing witness to the resurrection of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For global leaders proclaiming words of peace and justice, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the homeless and hungry seeking the basic necessities of life, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For members of this assembly casting out into the deep with faith, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For all the dead longing for a place of eternal peace and rest, we pray to the Lord.

The First Sunday of Lent (C)
17 February 2013

That the Church discerning God's will for the future be filled with wisdom and knowledge, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That elected officials shunning all vain glory and self-interest embrace the courage offered them through the gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who are preparing for baptism be strengthened on their journey to the waters of rebirth, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That this community worshipping the Lord alone might grow in holiness during this season of new birth, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who have died longing for a place at the Eternal Banquet will have their hopes actualized, we pray to the Lord.

The Second Sunday of Lent (C)
24 February 2013

That a spirit of wisdom and discernment be provided to those tasked with electing the next Pontiff, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That leaders in the global community listen with attentiveness to the voice of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those preparing for baptism at Easter come to know themselves as God's beloved, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That we experience through our Lenten observances an outpouring of God's mercy and grace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the dead experience the fullness of peace in God's presence, we pray to the Lord.

The Third Sunday of Lent (C)
3 March 2013

For the gift of wisdom and knowledge upon those tasked with electing the next pope, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For leaders of the nations in their work of securing justice for the oppressed, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those seeking mercy and renewal in this holy season of Lent, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community planted and nurtured by the Master in our desire to bear an abundance of fruit, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died and that those who mourn their loss might find hope in the promise of eternal life, we pray to the Lord.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)
10 March 2013

That the Cardinal-Electors discerning God's will for the Church know the presence of God in their labours, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those serving in public office see themselves as ambassadors for Christ and heralds of His gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation be nourished in their journey to the waters of rebirth, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That our community embodying the mercy and love of God make His presence known to all those in need, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who have died longing for a place at the Heavenly Banquet come to taste and see God's goodness, we pray to the Lord.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)
17 March 2013

That through the ministry of Pope (), Bishop of Rome, the Church experience a renewal in holiness and fresh strength in her mission, we pray to the Lord.

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That those discerning God's will for the Church be kept strong and steadfast in their prayer and in the mission set before them, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That areas of the world weighed down by poverty and violence experience the liberation and justice of the gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who are discouraged and are struggling in their sin have their thirst satisfied through the words of peace offered by Jesus, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That, claiming nothing more than the gift of knowing God, we offer to others the grace that has been provided to us, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That all those who have died in Christ know overwhelming joy in the presence of God, we pray to the Lord.

Passion Sunday (C)
24 March 2013

That the Church proclaiming Good News to the weary be given strength in her mission, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That global leaders humbling themselves in the service God's Reign be lifted up and exalted, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those readying themselves for baptism and full-communion experience an increase in faith, hope and charity, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That our community accompanying Jesus in his passion know the fullness of joy at Easter, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who have died seeking a place of rest, know peace in the presence of God, we pray to the Lord.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper (C)
28 March 2013

For the church who strives through word and example to follow the witness and command of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in office who through lives of service seek to liberate and lift up the oppressed, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the hungry, the homeless and the unemployed who yearn for the necessities of a dignified life, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those here gathered who seek transformation through the holy gifts that we share, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have left this world for the next and are still awaiting a place at the Eternal Banquet, we pray to the Lord.

Easter Sunday (C)
31 March 2013

For Christians continuing to proclaim the gospel with bold confidence to the ends of the earth, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in public office governing our city and country with the mind and heart of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have been baptized and received into full communion continuing to be for us living witnesses of communion and love, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those gathered to honour the resurrection of Christ Jesus experiencing a new outpouring of grace in this Eucharist, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died longing for the fulfillment of the promises of Easter, we pray to the Lord.

The Second Sunday of Easter (C)
7 April 2013

For those who have been filled with the Holy Spirit, now offering words of peace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those labouring to make known the Reign of God throughout the world, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those ministering with all those who suffer in mind and in body, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this assembly proclaiming “My Lord and my God,” at this Paschal Feast, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those longing for a place of Eternal rest and for those who mourn their loss, we pray to the Lord.

The Third Sunday of Easter (C)
14 April 2013

For Francis, the Bishop of Rome in his ministry of tending to God's flock, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For global leaders serving in obedience and faithfulness to the gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those preparing for marriage in our community growing in love, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this assembly following Christ in his suffering and in his resurrection, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died longing to know the promises of Easter, we pray to the Lord.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (C)
21 April 2013

For those women and men throughout the Christian Community who pasture God's flock, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who serve in our military, our police and fire services and for all those who seek to make peace and bring protection to our nation, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who hunger and thirst for righteousness and for those who long for the basic necessities of life, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this assembly gathered here in joy as we continue to serve God with gladness of heart, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have heard the Shepherd's voice and now await a place at the Eternal Banquet, we pray to the Lord.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)
28 April 2013

For the Church manifesting God Reign through our love for one another, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For nations of the world seeking a renewal of justice and peace for their citizens, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For young people discerning how best answer God's call to service, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the baptized singing the praises of our King and our God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead waiting the fulfillment of the promises of Easter, we pray to the Lord.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)
5 May 2013

For the Church in her ministry of preaching resurrection joy to the ends of the earth,
we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For leaders in the community advocating for the unborn, the disabled and the elderly,
we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who struggle with mental health longing to know stillness and peace of
mind, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For members of this assembly preparing to celebrate the sacrament of marriage in the
coming months, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died awaiting a place of rest at the banquet table of the Lamb, we
pray to the Lord.

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord (C)
12 May 2013

For the people of the Diocese of London moving forward in hope with Ronald Peter, our Bishop, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For countries in the Middle East struggling for peace and justice for all of their citizens, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the homeless, the refugees and for all those displaced by war and unrest, searching for shelter and security, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this parish proclaiming through lives of service and prayerful witness the Reign of God in our midst, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead longing to know the fullness of joy and peace in the presence of God and for those who mourn their absence, we pray to the Lord.

Pentecost Sunday (C)
13 May 2013

For the Church being empowered and enlivened in the Spirit, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For leaders of the global community proclaiming with one voice the Reign of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those confirmed this day experiencing an outpouring of grace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community brought together by the Spirit, feasting on the Body and Blood of the Lord, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead awaiting a place of eternal joy and for those who mourn their loss, we pray to the Lord.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (C)
(Trinity Sunday)
26 May 2013

For the Church manifesting in her ministry the loving communion of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For leaders of the nations seeking to steward and preserve the earth's resources, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those suffering in mind and body and for those who tend to them, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those gathered in this place longing for nourishment and strength at The Tables of Word and Sacrament, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died waiting for a place at the Eternal Banquet and for those who mourn, we pray to the Lord.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord (C)
2 June 2013

That the pilgrim Church find fresh instruction at the Tables of the Word and the Eucharist, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That areas of the world which know war and unrest be brought to more closely resemble the Kingdom of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who hunger for the necessities of life might have their needs met and their longings satisfied, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That this community continue to do all things in Jesus' memory until he comes again in glory, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who have died be admitted to the Eternal Banquet of the Lamb, we pray to the Lord.

The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
9 June 2013

For the Church in her mission of lifting up the outcast and the downtrodden, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For leaders of the nations seeking to reconcile people of different faiths and creeds, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those suffering in mind and body and for those who minister to them in love, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community proclaiming through word and deed the saving power of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died longing to see the face of God and for all who mourn their loss, we pray to the Lord.

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
16 June 2013

For God's faithful and holy people providing a harbour and refuge to all those in need, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in public office striving to make peace through works of mercy and justice, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those preparing to be united in the sacrament of marriage in these coming months, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For members of this community seeking to please God through our words and deeds, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died awaiting a place of eternal peace and rest and for those who mourn, we pray to the Lord.

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
23 June 2013

For members of the Church who today will lay down their lives in the service of the gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For leaders in the global community who seek to foster peace through works of justice, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who work to bring an end to human trafficking, torture, the death penalty and all violations against human dignity, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the members of this assembly, heirs to promises that God provided to Abraham and his descendants, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who mourn and for those that have died in anticipation of the resurrection, we pray to the Lord.

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
30 June 2013

That Pope Francis, Successor of Peter and Bishop of Rome be granted wisdom and insight as he ministers to the Universal Church, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That members of our military and those serving abroad be kept safe from all harm so that they might be agents of peace and justice, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the people's of Alberta and all those affected by natural disaster be fortified with strength and hope as they rebuild their communities, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That these summer months be for all of us gathered a time of refreshment, re-creation and renewal, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who have died hoping for a place at the Eternal Banquet might find in our God mercy and compassion, we pray to the Lord.

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
7 July 2013

For the needs of men and women who exercise ministerial leadership in this Christian community, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the gift of peace in areas of the global community which are marked with violence and war, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For all expectant mothers and for all those who parent in difficult circumstances, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For a spirit of generosity on those in this community whom God is calling to serve the Church, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died waiting for a place at the Eternal Banquet and for those who mourn, we pray to the Lord.

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
14 July 2013

That the Church be granted strength in her mission of proclaiming the Good News to the ends of the earth, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That leaders in the global community working together to safeguard our seas and our skies be blessed, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those labouring in defense of the sanctity of human life be kept bold and courageous in their proclamation, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That we be given wisdom and insight in discerning how to best minister to the needy among us, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who have died trusting in God, find refreshment and peace in His presence, we pray to the Lord.

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
21 July 2013

For those charged with leadership in the Diocese of London discerning and manifesting the will of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the indigenous people of Canada working for peace and justice in their nations and communities, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who are suffering in mind and body and for those who minister to them in their distress, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community of faith striving to offer itself in the service of others, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead waiting a place at the Heavenly Banquet and for those mourning their loss, we pray to the Lord.

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
4 August 2013

For the Church on earth storing up for herself treasures in heaven, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For peace and justice in countries affected by war and famine, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those burdened with addiction who seek freedom and liberation, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those gathered here in this place who strive to know and serve the living God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the gift of eternal peace for our deceased brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
11 August 2013

For the Church waiting in anxious anticipation for Christ's return in glory, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those displaced by war and for those assisting them in their search for shelter, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those labouring in defence of life from conception until natural death, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this assembly seeking to be wise stewards of all that God has provided us, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead longing for the fullness of peace in the presence of God, we pray to the Lord.

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
18 August 2013

For members of the Christian Community proclaiming Truth in the midst of adversity, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For citizens of the world working for justice with their eyes fixed on the peace of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For relationships in need of hope and renewal, seeking the aid of God , we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this parish proclaiming the gospel through our words and acts of loving kindness, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our deceased brothers and sisters longing for a place of eternal rest, we pray to the Lord.

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
25 August 2013

For the Church proclaiming the good news of salvation to the ends of the earth, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those serving in the Canadian Forces, police departments, fire departments and for all those protecting and serving the community, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those suffering in mind and body and for God's blessing on those who minister to them in their need, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community in our work of manifesting mercy and goodness to all those we meet, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died longing to recline at table in the kingdom of God, we pray to the Lord.

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
1 September 2013

For the Church extending God's tender embrace to the poor and all who dwell on the margins, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those working for peace and justice in nations weighed low by violence and civil unrest, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For families preparing for another academic year and for those charge with the education of our young people, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community of disciples seeking to know and fulfill the will of the Father in our daily lives, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead longing for the reward of the righteous at the Banquet of the Lamb, we pray to the Lord.

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
8 September 2013

That the Church finding her strength and refuge in Word and Sacrament minister in truth and love, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That leaders of the nations laboring for peace be granted wisdom and knowledge in their discernment, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the lands bringing forth a bountiful harvest provide sustenance for those who are hungry, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That this community enlivened by the Spirit, stand as a place of welcome and invitation to those alone and in need, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who have died sharing in the cross, be given a share in Christ's resurrection, we pray to the Lord.

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
15 September 2013

For members of the Church extending God's tender embrace of mercy and compassion, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the people of Syria and for all those working for peace and justice in that region, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those upholding the dignity of human life from conception until natural death, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those gathered in this place, proclaiming the goodness of the God in all that we say and do, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead awaiting a place at the Eternal Banquet and for those who mourn their passing, we pray to the Lord.

Memo – Rule of Thumb

Please keep in mind the structure of the Universal Prayers, as per the General Instruction of the Roman Missal and the need for them to be both general and intercessory. As a rule, there are four intercessions and, by tradition, a fifth one, for the dead.

Historically, this fifth intercession is placed at the end of Evening Prayer II. Avoid petitions for political causes, parish events and be cautious about praying by name for the sick without first seeking their permission. If you are going to include an intercession for a specific cause, I would suggest that you remove the third intercession.

Finally, please remember that The Ave (Hail Mary) is not to be prayed following the intercessions or at any other time during the Eucharistic Liturgy. In the Eucharist, our prayer is addressed to the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit. The Blessed Mother prays with us at this time.

The addition of this devotional practice though well-intentioned is misguided and undermines the Trinitarian and Paschal nature of our Sunday gatherings.

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The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
22 September 2013

That Francis, the Bishop of Rome and those sharing in communion with him, be strengthened in their proclamation of the gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the Queen, the Prime Minister and all those governing our country be filled with wisdom and fortitude, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the poor and homeless longing for sustenance and shelter find adequate resources in the midst of their struggles, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That this community seeking to be faithful stewards of God's grace experience the transforming power of the Eucharist, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who have fallen asleep hoping for eternal rest know comfort and peace in God's embrace, we pray to the Lord.

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
29 September 2013

For Bishop Fabbro and for those in our diocese who exercise leadership in this local church, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who labour to protect the land, the seas and all that dwell in them, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the poor and hungry in our community as the harshness of winter approaches, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community listening to the cries of the prophets, manifesting works of justice, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead who wait for a place of eternal rest in arms of God and for those who mourn their loss, we pray to the Lord.

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
6 October 2013

For the baptized proclaiming with bold confidence the Good News which has been entrusted to them, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For nations being weighed low by religious persecution, violence and civil unrest, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the unborn, the disabled, the elderly and all those who are vulnerable requiring protection and care, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community singing psalms of thanksgiving for all that God has provided us, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead longing for peace and a place of eternal rest at the Eternal Banquet, we pray to the Lord.

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
20 October 2013

For the Church remaining faithful to the Gospel entrusted to her, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those elected to public office heeding the cries of the poor, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For young people discerning where God is calling them to serve, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our parish holding in prayer the needs of the global community, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead requiring the assistance of our prayers on their journey home, we pray to the Lord.

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
27 October 2013

For Pope Francis and all those exercising leadership in communion with him, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in public office serving the vulnerable with justice and integrity, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the brokenhearted crying out to God for mercy and compassion, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For members of this community ministering to the poor in our midst, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our brother and sisters who have died longing for a place of eternal rest, we pray to the Lord.

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
3 November 2013

For the Church proclaiming the merciful compassion of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the leaders of our nation striving to govern Canada with integrity, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those suffering in mind and body who long for the healing, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community experiencing conversion through the sacraments which we celebrate, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our brothers and sisters who have died awaiting a place of eternal rest, we pray to the Lord.

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
10 November 2013

That those offering their lives for the gospel be given strength and courage in their trial, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That all those serving in public office be mindful of the poor and the vulnerable in our nation, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those suffering in body and spirit find comfort and protection in God's healing embrace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That finding community at these Holy Tables we be fortified in our Christian witness, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That our sisters and brothers who have died longing for God find joy and rest at the Eternal Banquet, we pray to the Lord.

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
17 November 2013

For members of the Church living lives of holiness in preparation for Christ's return in glory, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in public office being called to govern the nations with justice and equity, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For areas in our world suffering under the weight of natural disaster and violence, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community of disciples being made strong through the proclamation of the Word and our sharing in Communion, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our brothers and sisters who have died longing for a place at the Eternal Banquet and for those who mourn, we pray to the Lord.

The Solemnity of Christ the King (C)
24 November 2013

For the Christian Church proclaiming the victory of Christ, our Crucified King, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in public office serving the nations with the values of the gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those supporting those in need through their temporal and spiritual resources, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our community gathered today acclaiming Christ the Way, the Truth and the Life, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our sisters and brothers who have died longing for a place in paradise, we pray to the Lord.

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Father of Mercy,
Your Son is the first born from the dead.
Where he has gone, we hope to follow.
As we seek to make Your reign of peace and justice know,
strengthen us in Your service.
Hear and answer the prayers that we have place before You,
for we offer them all in the name of Your Son Jesus,
who lives and reigns with You,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.

The First Sunday of Advent (A)
1 December 2013

For the Church keeping awake and alert in anticipation of the Master's return, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For global leaders who beat their swords into ploughshares seeking the ways of peace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those suffering in mind and body who desire God's healing embrace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community proclaiming with love the tender mercy of our God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our sisters and brothers who have died longing for a place of eternal rest, we pray to the Lord.

Collect

We gather in anticipation of Your Son's return in glory.
Until that day, keep us firm in faith and steadfast in service.
Hear the many prayers we have placed before You,
for we offer them all in the name of Jesus,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.

The US Bishops' website provides many resources for Advent and Christmas at:

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-resources/advent/index.cfm>

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The Second Sunday of Advent (A)
8 December 2013

For leaders in the Church calling Christians to repentance through words of mercy and forgiveness, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in public office advocating for justice on behalf of the poor and marginalized, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For families experiencing division and discord who seek to live in communion with one another, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community finding its hope and joy in the Word proclaimed and Sacrament shared, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our sisters and brothers waiting for a place at the Eternal Banquet and for those who mourn their death, we pray to the Lord.

The Third Sunday of Advent (A)
15 December 2013

For the holy Church of God preparing the way for Christ's coming with joy, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those serving in public office blind to the needs of the poor and oppressed, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the men and women in hospitals and nursing homes seeking the healing touch of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community seeking to provide prophetic witness to the gospel entrusted to us, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our deceased brothers and sister longing for a place of eternal rest, we pray to the Lord.

On Tuesday, December 17, 2013 the focus of the readings and texts shifts from a remote preparation for Christ's return in glory to the celebration of the Birth of the Lord (GNLY, 42).

The hymn "O Come, Emmanuel" is based on the antiphons that are recited during this last week before Christmas.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)
22 December 2013

For the Church celebrating the presence of "God with us," we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in public office serving as agents of peace and mercy, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For refugees and the displaced searching for shelter and security, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this assembly seeking strength and instruction in this feast, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our brothers and sisters longing for a place of eternal rest, we pray to the Lord.

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (A)
24-25 December 2013

For the Christian Community proclaiming the glory of God to the ends of the earth,
we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For global leaders and all people of good bearing witness to God's ways of justice and
peace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those weighted down in isolation, finding this season difficult and burdensome,
we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this assembly being strengthened at the Eucharist as we testify to the presence of
"God with Us," we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died awaiting a place of eternal peace and for those who mourn,
we pray to the Lord.

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (A)
29 December 2013

For leaders in the Christian Community inviting us into a deeper relationship with the Father, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For members of our government working to uphold the dignity of family life and the values of the gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our brothers and sisters experiencing burdens and hardships in their relationships and homes, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this family of faith celebrating God's presence for us at the Tables of the Word and Sacrament, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our brothers and sisters who have died longing for a place at the heavenly banquet, we pray to the Lord.

The Solemnity of Mary – Mother of God (A)
1 January 2014

For the Church glorifying God through a consistent imitation of the life of Mary, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the nations of the world who together are embracing the ways of peace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in our community weighed down with sickness in mind, body and spirit seeking healing, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this assembly asking that our New Year worship bring us God's blessing in the months ahead, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died longing to enjoy the fullness of life in God's presence, we pray to the Lord.

The Epiphany of the Lord (A)
5 January 2014

For Christians proclaiming the glory of God to the ends of the earth, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the kings and rulers of the nations guiding their people in the ways of peace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the poor and needy longing for an epiphany of peace and justice, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community seeking the presence of Christ under a multitude of stars, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead waiting to receive admittance to the Eternal Banquet, we pray to the Lord.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (A)
12 January 2014

For all those celebrating their identity as God's holy and beloved children, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For leaders in the community seeking to liberate all those weighed down and oppressed, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For regions and peoples across our country being adversely affected by the weather, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this assembly striving to be the living embodiment of the mercy and love of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead longing for a fulfillment of the promises made to them in baptism, we pray to the Lord.

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
19 January 2014

For Pope Francis and all those serving the Church with humility and love, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in public office supporting and upholding the values of the gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those working for the protection of the unborn, the elderly and all the vulnerable, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community testifying in word and deed to Christ's reign of peace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead longing for a place of eternal rest in the presence of God, we pray to the Lord.

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
26 January 2014

For the Church striving for unity in the midst of division, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For politicians leading God's people in the ways of peace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who are suffering in mind and body who require relief from their burdens, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community rejoicing in God's presence and being strengthened at these Holy Tables, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead awaiting the fullness of life in heaven and for those who mourn, we pray to the Lord.

Collect

O Lord, who has made glorious the way of your people,
and has caused light to shine in our darkness:
increase our joy in your presence,
and grant us the grace to continually follow your Son in unity and life.
Through the same Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God now and forever.

Amen.

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The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (A)
2 February 2014

For the Church manifesting the compassion and love of God in the world, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For nations and leaders working for peace in areas marked by conflict, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the young and the old discerning God's call to ministry and service, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this assembly of the faithful being illumined by that which we share, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our deceased brothers and sisters awaiting their place in the presence of God, we pray to the Lord.

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
9 February 2014

For ministers in the Church serving as a beacon of hope for the world, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the world's leaders seeking peace and justice for their people, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in any need longing for freedom from the yoke of their burdens, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community glorifying God by our works of mercy and praise, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our deceased brothers and sisters awaiting the light of God's embrace, we pray to the Lord.

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
16 February 2014

For ministers in the Church guiding us on the way of life, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For leaders of the nations fostering the ways of reconciliation, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For increasing strength and love for married couples and their families, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those gathered here seeking to walk in the ways of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead longing to receive what ear, eye and heart cannot conceive, we pray to the Lord.

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
23 February 2014

For the Church seeking to be the way of peace in the midst of division, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in countries burdened under the weight of unjust laws, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who feel far from God longing for forgiveness, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this assembly baptized and sharers in the life of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead waiting for their place at the Heavenly Banquet, we pray to the Lord.

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
2 March 2014

For the Church remembered, loved, and carried by our God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those weighed down by violence and greed seeking hope, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those struggling with anxiety longing for freedom and peace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our community walking together the path of charity, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead waiting in expectation for the fullness of joy in the kingdom, we pray to the Lord.

Ash Wednesday (A)
5 March 2014

For the Church preparing to celebrate the joy of the resurrection through works of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For areas in the world laboring under the heavy burdens of violence and injustice seeking the peace of God's Reign, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those preparing to receive new life in Christ through the waters of baptism and for those who accompany them on their journey, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our community striving in this season to offer a selfless witness in the service of the gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those that have died longing for a place at the Banquet of the Lamb and for those who seek comfort and consolation, we pray to the Lord.

The First Sunday of Lent (A)
9 March 2014

For the Church offering tides of grace and mercy to those seeking conversion, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those working to bring peace and democracy to the people of Ukraine, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those preparing for baptism and the sacraments of initiation through their prayer and service, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our community seeking to be faithful in our witness to God's reign, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our brothers and sisters longing to know the fullness of life in God's presence, we pray to the Lord.

The Second Sunday of Lent (A)
16 March 2014

For the Church proclaiming the mercy and tender compassion of our God, we pray to the Lord.

(Pause)

For refugees and those made unsafe in their homelands by discord and distress we pray to the Lord.

(Pause)

For our brothers and sisters persecuted and suffering for the sake of the Gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(Pause)

For this assembly being transfigured into the image of God's beloved, we pray to the Lord.

(Pause)

For the faithful departed longing to be brought to the fullness of life eternal, we pray to the Lord.

The Third Sunday of Lent (A)
23 March 2014

For the Church justified by faith and being renewed by grace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in authority listening and responding to the needs of their people, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For communities and nations burdened by violence and discord, thirsting for the water of peace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this assembly seeking to recognize the face of Christ in any and all we encounter, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the departed who long for the fullness of peace in the presence of God, we pray to the Lord.

NB: In communities where the scrutinies are being celebrated for those preparing for baptism, proper intercessions may be found in the ritual text.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)
30 March 2014

For the Church shepherding God's people on the path of mercy and righteousness,
we pray to the Lord

(PAUSE)

For leaders of the nations directing God's people in the ways of peace, we pray to the
Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those weighed low by mental illness seeking a place of meaning in our
communities, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For we who are gathered here, living as children of the light in the midst of this city,
we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died longing for a place of eternal peace and for those who
mourn their loss, we pray to the Lord.

Those communities welcoming new members through baptism, will find proper
intercessions in the ritual text for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)
6 April 2014

For the Church approaching the celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ,
we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For governments, leaders and officials, being entrusted with building communities of
life, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who are crying out to God from the depths of grief, despair, and mental
illness, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this assembly seeking together the living way of Christ Jesus, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who sleep in death, waiting in hope for Christ's call to eternal joy, we pray
to the Lord.

Passion Sunday (A)
13 April 2014

For the Church walking in faith towards the celebrations of the Paschal Mystery, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in authority seeking justice and promoting the dignity of all people, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who are imprisoned and for those suffering under abusive regimes, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our parish community being united to Christ through Word and Sacrament, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead longing to experience the fullness of grace in the presence of God, we pray to the Lord.

Mass of the Lord's Supper / Holy Thursday (A)
17 April 2014

That the Eucharist, our sign of unity draws the Church together into one body, one spirit, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the Eucharist, our source of strength give leaders the courage to serve with the mind and heart of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the Eucharist, our perfect medicine be the source of healing for any who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the Eucharist, our bond of love be our community's ultimate source of guidance and direction, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the Eucharist, our pledge of eternal life grant relief to the dead who long for their place at the Banquet, we pray to the Lord.

COLLECT

Lord Jesus,
You present Yourself to us this evening,
as Food for our hunger
and as Humility to squelch our pride.
Give us grace in imitating you.
Hear and answer our prayers and petitions as we ask them through You,
who live and reign with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.

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The Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord (A)
20 April 2014

For the Church proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth,
we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For areas of the world longing for peace and justice in the midst of oppression, we
pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the sick finding hope and refreshment through Christ's victory over sin and death,
we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this assembly celebrating our baptismal identity as daughters and sons of God, we
pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith awaiting the Eternal
Easter, we pray to the Lord.

The Second Sunday of Easter (A)
27 April 2014

That the Church experiencing the refreshment of Easter be a light of faith to the nations, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those in authority leading God's people be filled with goodwill and generosity in their mission of service, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those newly baptized shining brightly with the light of faith bring this grace and new joy to those around them, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That this community of believers rejoicing in both graces and in difficulties be a faithful witnesses to all those they encounter, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who have died longing for rest find peace and joy in the presence of God, we pray to the Lord.

The Third Sunday of Easter (A)
4 May 2014

For Pope Francis and for all those sharing in Christ's ministry of priest, prophet and king, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in troubled countries seeking refuge and security and for those ministering to them, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For children receiving their first communion in this season and for all seeking God in the breaking of the bread, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For ourselves and all those connected to us setting our hope and faith in God's guiding hand, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died awaiting a place of peace at the Eternal Banquet of the Lamb, we pray to the Lord.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday) (A)
11 May 2014

For those in authority in the Church modeling their ministry after the example of the Good Shepherd, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the troubled places of the world desiring the promised peace of the Reign of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those discerning vocations to the priesthood and religious life, seeking to serve the church in joy, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our community sharing in the abundant life which Christ offers to us in these Easter sacraments, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead longing for rest in the eternal pastures prepared for the righteous, we pray to the Lord.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)
18 May 2014

That Christians being invited to prayer and service respond with generous hearts to the gentle voice of the Father, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That countries struggling with war, poverty and all other afflictions will be assisted by nations that are able, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those ministering to the poor, the sick and the dying, receive renewed strength from Christ the corner stone, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the baptized rejoicing in their identity as a holy nation, a royal priesthood, God's own respond live lives worth of their calling, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those waiting in the grave receive welcome into the home prepared for them by Christ Jesus, we pray to the Lord.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)
25 May 2014

For those serving in the Christian Church being directed by the abiding presence of the Spirit, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those running for political office in our province who seek to govern in accordance with the values of the gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those being punished unjustly in defense of what is right who now carry the cross of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this family of the baptized becoming the image of Christ's in our community, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died awaiting the fullness of life in God's presence in heaven, we pray to the Lord

The Ascension of the Lord (A)
1 June 2014

For the baptized being entrusted with the proclamation of the gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For nations longing for lasting solutions to troubles and conflict in their lands, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the needy who are often forgotten seeking meaning and dignity, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this assembly seeking to know and serve God in their brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have passed from this life desiring to be united with God in heaven, we pray to the Lord.

Pentecost Sunday (A)
8 June 2014

That the Holy Spirit, light of hearts, will continue to guide our Church leaders in love and truth, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the Holy Spirit, rest of those who labor, inspire the leaders of Israel and Palestine to work for true and lasting peace, justice, healing and reconciliation, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the Holy Spirit, Father of the poor, will bring comfort and relief to all those who suffer and burdened, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the Holy Spirit, refreshment in dryness, will lead our community in the paths She desires, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the Holy Spirit, Blessed Light, will lead into paradise those who wait in the grave, we pray to the Lord.

Trinity Sunday (A)
15 June 2014

For the leaders of the Church living and proclaiming the mercy and compassion of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the nations around the world inviting their citizens to live in communion and heirs to the Kingdom, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those longing for direction and purpose in their discernment of vocation, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this assembly of the baptized sharing in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord

(PAUSE)

For the dead longing for a place of eternal peace and rest, we pray to the Lord.

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (A)
22 June 2014

For the Church being nourished and strengthened by the Body and Blood of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in authority with hearts being softened by the prayers of the disciples of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who hunger and thirst in body and spirit seeking satisfaction through their share in Daily Bread, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this assembly seeking holiness through their participation at the Tables of Word and Sacrament, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died hoping for a place at the Eternal Banquet, we pray to the Lord.

The Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul (A)
28 June 2014

That the Church suffering persecution around the world will receive fresh strength from the example of the saints, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the leaders of nations will turn their ears to hear the voices of the needy and marginalized, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those seeking rebuilding in the aftermath of natural disasters will be provided assistance and support, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That this community will be attentive to the presence and action of God in our midst, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the dead may know the peace, glory, crown, and happiness promised to them in Heaven, we pray to the Lord.

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
6 July 2014

For all those in the Church, striving to live out their vocation with fidelity to God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For all those in positions of power, being by the image of Christ's humble kingship, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For all those who care for the suffering, laying their own burdens down to carry those of others, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For all those who are members of this family of God, seeking to lead lives in the Spirit, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For all those who have died longing for the fulfillment of the promises made to them in baptism, we pray to the Lord.

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
13 July 2014

For the Church sowing the seed of God's Word among the peoples of the earth, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the needs of our provincial and national leaders seeking grace so as to minister with justice and integrity, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For fair weather for farmers, growing and harvesting to feed our communities and our families, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this parish community striving to be good soil ready to bare fruit for the Kingdom of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead who are groaning in birth pangs for the glory awaiting them in heaven, we pray to the Lord.

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
20 July 2014

For the Church proclaiming in love, the mercy and compassion of our God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For politicians and leaders discerning what will best serve the needs of their community, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who long for peace, crying out for justice in the midst of violence and unrest, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this assembly of Christ's Body bringing forth a rich harvest, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead waiting for the fullness of joy at the Eternal Banquet, pray to the Lord.

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
27 July 2014

That Bishop Fabbro and the leaders of our diocese lead people to choose what is most pleasing to God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the leaders of our nation be granted a Spirit of wisdom in guiding God's people, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who suffer and those weighed down be relieved of their burdens. We pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That this assembly come to experience the treasures that are theirs as heirs to the Kingdom, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who have died in the peace of Christ receive the reward of faithful service, we pray to the Lord.

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
3 August 2014

For the Church in her ministry of caring for those weighed down by sin and weakness, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in authority opening their ears and their hearts to the cries of the poor, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those working to defend life from conception until natural death, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those gathered here being fed by Christ's own hand in Word and Sacrament, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead longing for union with God and for those who mourn their loss, we pray to the Lord.

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
10 August 2014

For the Church listening and responding to the call of Jesus with steadfast faith, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For countries struggling under waves of adversity desiring the peaceful Reign of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For all who are discerning their role in the church and the world, attentive to the promptings of the Spirit, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our own community seeking to know and carry out the will of God with love and righteousness, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead to whom belong the promises of life eternal, we pray to the Lord.

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
17 August 2014

For the Church proclaiming a ministry of reconciliation for all peoples, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For immigrants, refugees, victims of war and any suffering on account of civil unrest, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For all parents nurturing their children in holiness and wisdom, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community seeking the face of Christ in all we that encounter, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead waiting for the full manifestation of God's love and power, we pray to the Lord.

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
24 August 2014

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, guiding our Church on the way to true relationship with Christ, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For all nations seeking rulers that will respect the needs of the poor, the suffering, and all those under their charge. We pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the victims of exclusion, bullying, and rumor, desiring to be respected and loved as fellow children of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our parish family, listening and responding to the wisdom and council of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead, awaiting the fullness of the promise of Jesus' resurrection, we pray to the Lord.

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
31 August 2014

That members of the church suffering and persecuted be granted safety, rest and peace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those in authority govern after the example and witness of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those children and educators returning to school be filled with an abundance of grace and blessings, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That this community respond with generous hearts to God's invitation to conversion and service, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who have died receive that reward promised to all the faithful, we pray to the Lord.

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
7 September 2014

For all those who minister placing their own needs aside for the care of others, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For nations struggling under the weight of debt and injustice who long for freedom, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those struggling in sin who seek the gentle embrace of God's mercy, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our parish community fulfilling the law by surrendering in their service of God and neighbor, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead awaiting with anxious longing their place at the Eternal Banquet, we pray to the Lord.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (A)
14 September 2014

For the Church living with joyful witness the example and teachings of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those working to bring relief to those suffering in Syria, Iraq, the Sudan and other places burdened by poverty and war, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For all who are sick, suffering, and dying looking to the cross for strength and hope, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For ourselves, our families, and our communities, holding each other in joy and in sorrow, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead longing to know the fulfillment of the promise of resurrection, we pray to the Lord.

A NOTE TO PASTORS AND LITURGY COORDINATORS:

One of the many teachings of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy from Vatican Council II invited us to a deeper appreciation of the simplicity of the Roman Rite. Prayers that had been added to the liturgy over the centuries were removed so that the words of the liturgy might speak for themselves in a manner which was clear and unencumbered.

There has been, over the last number of years, a reversal of these norms, whereby prayers are being added to the mass for vocations, building campaigns, fundraisers, parish renewal programs or upcoming retreats, et cetera. In addition, there have been other prayers appended to the end of the mass invoking the intercession of the Blessed Mother, St. Michael and a number of other saints.

As you are able, I encourage you to continue with these prayers but to situate them outside of the Sunday Eucharist. They are better suited to times where the community gathers for devotional activities or when families gather in their role as the Domestic Church.

If a particular need or intention is brought forward by the Bishop, it should be offered following the post-communion prayer and prior to the blessing and dismissal.

Thank you for the good work that you do in forming and shaping God's faithful and holy people.

Michael Bechard (Rev.)
Director of Liturgy

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
21 September 2014

That Christians in positions of leadership labour with fidelity for the fulfillment of God's Reign, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That all employers exercise hearts filled with compassion for the migrant workers labouring in our diocese , we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who know terminal illness and approaching death find their hope in Christ Crucified, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That inspired by the example and command of Christ, this assembly tend to the needs of the vulnerable in our midst, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the dead may taste the fruits of their labour at the Heavenly Banquet, we pray to the Lord.

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
28 September 2014

Monday, September 15, 2014

Dear Colleagues,

Pope Francis has declared that the whole Church is to pray on Sunday, September 28, 2014 for the III Extraordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelization, which begins on Sunday, October 5, 2014.

Below, please find one prayer that I encourage you to place in your bulletins. It would be a great sign of our union with the Universal Church, if families be encouraged to offer this prayer at home.

Below, please also find intercessions for the Sunday, September 28, 2014 which were sent to Bishop Fabbro from the Holy See.

In advance, I thank you for your cooperation and attention to this matter. These resources only came available to us on Friday, September 12, 2014.

Michael Bechard (Rev.)
Director of Liturgy

I -

Prayer to the Holy Family for the Synod

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love,
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again
experience violence, rejection and division:

may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
may the approaching Synod of Bishops
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.

II -

Universal Prayers
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Sunday, September 28, 2014

Introduction

Brothers and Sisters, gathered together as God's family and inspired by our faith, we raise our minds and hearts to the Father, that our families, sustained by the grace of Christ, might become true domestic churches where all live and bear witness to God's love.

For Pope Francis: the Lord has called him to preside over the Church in charity; sustain him in his ministry of service to the communion of the episcopal college and the entire People of God, we pray to the Lord.

For the synod fathers and the other participants at the III Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops: may the Spirit of the Lord enlighten their minds so that the Church might respond, in faithfulness to God's plan, to the challenges facing the family, we pray to the Lord.

For Christian families: may the Lord who has sealed the union of husband and wife with his presence, make our families cenacles of prayer and ardent communities of life and love, after the example of the Holy Family of Nazareth, we pray to the Lord.

For couples undergoing difficulties: may the Lord, rich in mercy, be present to them through the Church's motherly care and concern in showing understanding and patience in their journey towards pardon and reconciliation, we pray to the Lord.

For families who, for the sake of the Gospel, are forced leave their homeland: may the Lord who endured exile with Mary and Joseph, comfort them with his grace and open for them paths of fraternal charity and human solidarity, we pray to the Lord.

For grandparents: may the Lord who was received in the Temple by the elders Simeon and Anna, make them wise collaborators with parents in transmitting the faith and the raising their children, we pray to the Lord.

For children: may the Lord of life, who in his ministry welcomed them and made them a model for entering the Kingdom of heaven, inspire a respect for life in the womb and programmes in raising children which conform to the Christian outlook towards life, we pray to the Lord.

For young people: may the Lord, who made holy the Wedding at Cana, lead them to discover the beauty of the sacredness and inviolability of the family in God's plan and sustain engaged couples as they prepare for marriage, we pray to the Lord.

Collect

O God, you never forsake the work of your hands,
hear our prayer; send the Spirit of your Son to enlighten the Church as the synodal journey begins,
so that contemplating the splendour of true love which shines forth in the Holy Family of Nazareth,
she might learn the freedom and obedience to respond with boldness and mercy to the challenges of today's world.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

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The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
5 October 2014

That the Church striving to be of one mind, love and joy be guided in humility and grace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those seeking election in the coming weeks be directed to the interests of those who are least among us, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That there be an end to all war and violence throughout the global community and that those suffering find refuge, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That this community may be one of inclusion, remembering the self-emptying example of Christ Jesus, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the dead find themselves rejoicing with the choirs of saints and angels in heavenly worship, we pray to the Lord.

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The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
12 October 2014

For an outpouring of grace and wisdom on those men and women gathered at the synod in Rome, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in public office responsible for distributing the earth's bounty to all of God's people, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those dealing with unwanted pregnancies and that those who work with them be strengthened in choosing life, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our community seeking out the lost and responding to their needs in a spirit of service, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead longing waiting to be escorted to their place of honour at the Banquet Table of the Lamb, we pray to the Lord.

Thank you for the feedback that you have provided on the Universal Prayers. They are being composed by a group of us at Christ the King University Parish and I am glad that they are being utilized by many of you.

Thank you, as well, for your feedback on the workshops being offered through the Office of Liturgy. I wish there was more that could be done and that a more comprehensive approach was possible. I hope that there will be a rotation of workshops in the coming years that will assist you in your ministry.

By now, you should have received the flyer encouraging priests, deacons and lay ministers to come to the Joncas' event.

Soon, you will receive more information welcoming members of your parishes to come together to reflect on the role of the Virgin Mary in their life and work.

Again, I encourage you to allow the beauty of the rites to speak for themselves. Take the time needed to read through the instructions and to follow what is provided in the rubrics. Try to avoid adding or removing texts or creating new symbols. Avoid adding prayers or rushing through things to "keep things moving."

When we celebrate the liturgy as it is intended, it has the inherent ability to transform us and to lead us closer to the heart of God.

Michael Bechard (Rev.)
Director of Liturgy

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
19 October 2014

For those in positions of leadership in the Catholic Church discerning how to offer words of both mercy and challenge, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those leading our country seeking the best ways of allocating our nations resources, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those suffering from Ebola and for those responding to this crisis in a spirit of service, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this parish looking to know and fulfill the will of the Father, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead who have yet to know peace in God's presence, seeking our prayers, we pray to the Lord.

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
26 October 2014

For Christians suffering persecution in the world bearing witnesses to the Gospel with their lives, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those seeking election in the coming days who offer themselves for leadership and service, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For refugees, immigrants and undocumented residents seeking a life we often take for granted, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community listening to the compassionate instructions of God's love, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead awaiting their crown in heaven prepared by our Saviour, we pray to the Lord.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) (A)
2 November 2014

That the Church flourish in her mission of leading all souls to the place where God dwells, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That our nation's leaders be fortified in wisdom as they seek to govern us with justice, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those struggling with depression and doubt will be guided by the light of hope, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those in this community who grieve find comfort in the promise of resurrection, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That all the dead who long for the face of Christ, know the fullness of life in his presence, we pray to the Lord.

The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (A)
9 November 2014

That the Church be fearless in building upon the foundations formed for us by the apostles, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those recently elected to political office be mindful of the needs of the vulnerable and the needy, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who struggle with their identity and worth recognize their value in the eyes of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That our parish community recognize God's image in any and all that we serve, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the dead know God's mercy and be received at the Heavenly Banquet, we pray to the Lord.

The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
16 November 2014

For the Church staying awake and alert in anticipation of the Master's return, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For an end to all forms of violence and injustice at home and abroad, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For families living in poverty and for all those who parent in difficult circumstances, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community of faith striving to walk together as children of the light, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead whose memories we hold dear in this month and for those who mourn their absence, we pray to the Lord.

The Solemnity of Christ the King (A)
23 November 2014

That the Church remain a faithful witness to the just and merciful, Reign of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who are in positions of power and authority model themselves after the values of gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who suffer unjustly under corrupt governments be relieved and find refuge, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That our parish may be to our surrounding community a bridge of welcome into the life of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the dead who await rest be ushered into the fullness of life eternal, we pray to the Lord.

The First Sunday of Advent (B)
30 November 2014

That the Church remaining watchful and alert, be steadfast in her witness and in her hope, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those in troubled nations longing for peace, find consolation in the working of those in political authority, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those suffering in spirit, mind and body experience the healing touch of God's hand, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That our parish community waiting for Christ's return, encounter him in the faces of the poor and needy, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the dead longing for eternal rest be provided a seat of honour at the Heavenly Banquet, we pray to the Lord.

The Second Sunday of Advent (B)
7 December 2014

For the Church, speaking words of comfort and hope to the afflicted, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in authority, recognizing their role in manifesting the Reign of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the poor and the homeless seeking shelter and refuge this winter, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community witnessing to the coming of Christ in our homes, schools and places of work, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead longing for eternal peace in the presence of God's arms, we pray to the Lord.

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The Third Sunday of Advent (B)
14 December 2014

For the Church and her mission of proclaiming the Gospel with joy-filled hoped, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in public office announcing glad tidings to the poor and oppressed, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the unemployed and those struggling with heavy burdens in this Advent Season, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our community acting as forerunners of Christ's Reign in our neighbourhood, work and school, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our deceased brothers and sisters longing for a place of eternal rest, we pray to the Lord.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)
21 December 2014

That the Church rejoicing in God's presence be readied for the birth of the Messiah,
we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those in authority recognizing their role as servants to the poor, minister to all in
need, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those growing weary and are losing hope find new light in moments of darkness,
we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That our parish community be fearless in proclaiming the message of the Gospel to
all, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the dead awaiting their place with Mary and all the Saints be aided in their
journey, we pray to the Lord.

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (B)
24-25 December 2014

For the Christian Community proclaiming the glory of God to the ends of the earth,
we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For global leaders and all people of good bearing witness to God's ways of justice and
peace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those weighted down in isolation, finding this season difficult and burdensome,
we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this assembly being strengthened at the Eucharist as we testify to the presence of
"God with Us," we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died awaiting a place of eternal peace and for those who mourn,
we pray to the Lord.

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (B)
28 December 2014

For leaders in the Christian Community inviting us into a deeper relationship with the Father, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For members of our government working to uphold the dignity of family life and the values of the gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our brothers and sisters experiencing burdens and hardships in their relationships and homes, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this family of faith celebrating God's presence for us at the Tables of the Word and Sacrament, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our brothers and sisters who have died longing for a place at the heavenly banquet, we pray to the Lord.

The Solemnity of Mary – Mother of God (B)
1 January 2015

For the Church glorifying God through a consistent imitation of the life of Mary, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the nations of the world who together are embracing the ways of peace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in our community weighed down with sickness in mind, body and spirit seeking healing, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this assembly asking that our New Year worship bring us God's blessing in the months ahead, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died longing to enjoy the fullness of life in God's presence, we pray to the Lord.

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord (B)
4 January 2015

For Christians proclaiming the glory of God to the ends of the earth, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the kings and rulers of the nations guiding their people in the ways of peace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the poor and needy longing for an epiphany of peace and justice, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community seeking the presence of Christ under a multitude of stars, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead waiting to receive admittance to the Eternal Banquet, we pray to the Lord.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (B)
11 January 2015

For the Church bringing healing to the bruised reeds and new life to the smoldering wick, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That leaders of the nations discerning God's will, be given the ability to lead with justice, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those anticipating baptism in the coming year be strengthened in their Christian journey, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our community living as brothers and sisters and children of one Father, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who have fallen asleep in Christ, awake in the splendor of heavenly light, we pray to the Lord.

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
18 January 2015

For those promoting full, visible communion throughout the Christian Churches, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those speaking words and offering gestures of peace in the wake of violence, pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those seeking courage and confidence as they discern vocations to the priesthood, religious life, Christian marriage and the single state, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community upholding our bishop, pastor and pastoral teams through our prayers, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead asleep in peace waiting to awaken to Eternal Light, we pray to the Lord.

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The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
25 January 2015

For the Church calling the nations back to God through conversion of heart, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the leaders of the world seeking true peace in the face of violence, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those fostering a great respect for the dignity of life from conception until natural death, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this parish family supporting one another in the midst of our stumblings and failings, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead awaiting their entry into the fullness of life eternal, we pray to the Lord.

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
1 February 2015

For Pope Francis proclaiming Jesus Christ to the world with a prophetic voice, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For leaders of the nations listening to the voice of God with softened hearts, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those shackled with mental illnesses seeking the freedom of the Reign of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community seeking justice for all with our eyes set on the joys of heaven, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead longing to have the promises made to them in baptism fulfilled, we pray to the Lord.

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
8 February 2015

That the Church ministering to those whose bodies have been commodified be strong in mercy and rich in grace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those governing our world enact laws and polices to protect the most vulnerable of the world's citizens, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who are sold and bought be provided refuge and the ability to reclaim their dignity as Children of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That our community being mindful of those in this particular pain become a place of grace and unconditional acceptance, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who have died as a result of human trafficking, longing for a place to call home, be embraced in God's arms, we pray to the Lord.

Collect

In the midst of tragedy,
we turn to You,
God of justice,
God of mercy.

Keep us mindful of those who live this form of slavery.
May our prayers and efforts bring about their freedom,
so that all be afforded the peace of Your Kingdom.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
15 February 2015

For the Bishop Fabbro and Bishop-Elect Dabrowski tasked with leading our local church, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the leaders of the nations listening to the voices of the vulnerable entrusted to their care, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the suffering who seek consolation in the love of God and the compassion of their neighbour, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our parish community seeking to meet others throughout common life and witness, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead longing for peace and rest in the presence of God, we pray to the Lord.

The First Sunday of Lent (B)
22 February 2015

That the church, traveling together on this Lenten journey, increase in faith, hope, and love, we pray to The Lord.

(PAUSE)

That our leaders and politicians, caring for God's people, receive a new respect life, from conception to natural death, we pray to The Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those effected by natural disasters and weather throughout the world, relying on the providence of God, be given physical and spiritual relief, we pray to The Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those preparing for baptism in the Easter season be guided by the joyful witness of their brothers and sisters, we pray to The Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the dead sleeping in Christ be lifted in love to the right hand of God, we pray to The Lord.

The Second Sunday of Lent (B)
1 March 2015

For the church listening for the voice of God for direction and guidance, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For abiding and lasting peace in areas of the world marked with conflict and division, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For sick children and their families longing for healing in body and spirit, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this parish preparing to celebrate the mysteries of our redemption in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead waiting for the fulfillment of the promises made to them in baptism, we pray to the Lord.

The Third Sunday of Lent (B)
8 March 2015

For the Church proclaiming Christ Crucified to a world in need of healing and renewal, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For communities and nations suffering under the oppression of terrorism, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those struggling in their sin who long for conversion and forgiveness in this Holy Season, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this family of faith proclaiming God's words of everlasting life, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died and now are awaiting the fullness of joy in God's presence, we pray to the Lord.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT THESE INTERCESSIONS ARE ONLY USED
IF THE READINGS FROM YEAR B ARE UTILIZED.

FOR COMMUNITIES ENGAGING INDIVIDUALS THROUGH THE RCIA
AND USING THE READINGS FROM YEAR A, THE ACCOMPANYING
PRAYER FROM THE RITUAL TEXT SHOULD BE OFFERED.

MICHAEL BECHARD (REV.)

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)
15 March 2015

For our bishops, priests, deacons being fashioned into the likeness of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For governing officials protecting and providing for God's holy and chosen people, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those suffering for the sake of the gospel, longing for an end to their exile, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the local church welcoming new members into our communities through the sacraments, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead approaching the Eternal Banquet of God's Reign and for those mourning their absence, we pray to the Lord.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)
22 March 2015

For bishop-elect Joseph preparing for his episcopal ordination and for our local church, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For politicians and those in authority walking with God in justice and peace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those discerning vocations to the priesthood, religious life, the married and the single life, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community striving to love through our witness to Christ's death and resurrection, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead longing for the fullness of life in heaven and for those who mourn their loss, we pray to the Lord.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord (B)
29 March 2015

For the Church acclaiming Christ as King with shouts of acclamation, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For judges, lawyers, and juries, listening for God's guidance in facilitating true justice, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the sick in body, mind and spirit, being fashioned in the image of Christ crucified, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our community and those whom we will welcome into our family during these holy days, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead, awaiting the fulfillment of the promises of Easter, we pray to the Lord.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper (B)
2 April 2015

For the Church striving through word and example to follow the witness and command of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in office living lives of service who seek to liberate and lift up the oppressed, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the hungry, the homeless and the unemployed yearning for the necessities of a dignified life, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those here gathered seeking transformation through the holy gifts that we share, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have left this world for the next, awaiting a place at the Eternal Banquet, we pray to the Lord.

Easter Sunday (B)
5 April 2015

For Christians continuing to proclaim the gospel with bold confidence to the ends of the earth, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in public office governing our city and country with the mind and heart of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have been baptized and received into full communion continuing to be for us living witnesses of communion and love, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those gathered to honour the resurrection of Christ Jesus experiencing a new outpouring of grace in this Eucharist, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died longing for the fulfillment of the promises of Easter, we pray to the Lord.

Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday(B)
12 April 2015

For those living with doubt praying for restoration of their faith in God and his power, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For Christians being persecuted and martyred for the faith seeking peace and strength in their trials, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For all those experiencing want and need and for those making provision from their own resources, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those welcomed into our community bearing witness to the life that is offered to us in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead awaiting fulfillment of the promises of Easter and for those who mourn, we pray to the Lord.

Third Sunday of Easter (B)
19 April 2015

For Bishop Francis asking for the grace to proclaim the goodness of God through his life and words, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in political authority carrying the burdens and hopes of all the world's peoples, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those longing for the healing touch of God in the midst of chronic illness, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community bearing joy-filled witness to the power of Christ's resurrection, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those awaiting the full gaze of God in the heavenly kingdom, we pray to the Lord.

Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)
26 April 2015

For leaders in the Church being shaped and fashioned in the image of the Good Shepherd, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For victims of wars and oppression seeking God's reign of peace and justice, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those discerning God's call to the priesthood and religious life, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community bearing witness to our faith in the Risen One while at work and at rest, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those awaiting the full manifestation of God's presence in heaven, we pray to the Lord.

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)
3 May 2015

That the Church be attentive to the voice of God and welcome prophets and visionaries into our midst, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That political leaders bring glory to God through their workings and deliberations, we pray to the Lord.

That the people of Nepal and those involved in the recovery mission find hope in the midst of suffering, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That this assembly continue to bear strong and faithful witness to the message entrusted to us, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those united to Christ, the true vine in this life, know the fullness of joy in the life to come, we pray to the Lord.

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)
10 May 2015

For the Church witnessing to love indiscriminately and without borders, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For global leaders bearing the fruits of justice for the poor, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For all mothers showing us the tender and compassionate love of the Father, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our parish welcoming any and all who come to us in Jesus' name, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead longing for the eternal embrace of their Heavenly Creator, we pray to the Lord.

Ascension of the Lord (B)
17 May 2015

That God direct the church in a spirit of wisdom and understanding, we pray to The Lord.

(PAUSE)

That troubled areas of the world know the true and lasting peace of God's reign, we pray to The Lord.

(PAUSE)

That couples preparing for the sacrament of marriage be fortified in God's love, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That members of this community live lives worthy of the calling that they have received from God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the dead sleeping in Christ ascend with him in glory, we pray to the Lord.

Pentecost (B)
24 May 2015

That the Holy Spirit, spirit of truth and love, guide the church through times of persecution and difficulty, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the Holy Spirit, source of wisdom and understanding, guide rulers and those in authority to care for the vulnerable, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the Holy Spirit, comforter of the afflicted, bring peace to those in distress, sickness, or grief, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the Holy Spirit, giver of all gifts, endow our own community with patience, love, and joy, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the Holy Spirit, through whom we receive Divine adoption, bring our departed brothers and sisters to their place among the blessed, we pray to the Lord.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (B)
31 May 2015

For the Church providing bold and steadfast witness to the mysteries entrusted to her, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in public office demonstrating love for the gospel in their ministry to the poor, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For all victims of terrorism and civic unrest requiring security and protection from harm, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those here, struggling with doubt and lack of clarity seeking wisdom and new understanding, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died longing to be embraced in the love of the Triune God, we pray to the Lord.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (B)
7 June 2015

That the Eucharist, nourishing bread from heaven, strengthen the Body of Christ in its ministry to the world, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the Eucharist, the abiding presence of Jesus, guide the leaders of the world to compassion for the needy, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the Eucharist, perpetual sacrifice of love, bring peace and comfort to those in turmoil and suffering, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the Eucharist, memorial of Christ's death and resurrection, bind this community together in love and service, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the Eucharist, foretaste of the heavenly banquet, bring the dead to that feast of love that never ends, we pray to the Lord.

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
14 June 2015

For the Church spreading the seeds of God's Word across the world, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For politicians and those in authority being called to steward the earth and her resources, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For healing and reconciliation between Canada's native and non-native communities, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For community providing shelter and safety for all those in need, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead seeking fulfillment in God's eternal embrace, we pray to the Lord.

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
21 June 2015

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, guiding the church through the waters of our current age, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in authority, hearing and responding to the cries for peace and justice, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For bravery, strength and wisdom on those being called to vocations in the church, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community seeking to know the presence of God in all that we do, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead being transformed in the presence of God, we pray to the Lord.

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
28 June 2015

For the Church defending the dignity of human life from conception until natural death, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the leaders of this world relieving the burdens of the poor with equity, justice, fairness, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For children suffering with illness seeking Christ's love in the midst of their struggle, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this parish community growing together faith, hope and love, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died awaiting the full manifestation of the vision of God, we pray to the Lord.

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
5 July 2015

That the Church be protected and guided in her proclamation of the faith, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That national leaders be drawn to compassion for the poor and those in need, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those suffering in mind, spirit, and body lean upon the grace of God, for relief from pain we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That our community respond with love to wherever Christ is calling us, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the dead enjoy the fullness of peace in eternity, we pray to the Lord.

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
12 July 2015

For ministers in the Church being called to live lives of self-sacrifice and dedication, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in authority attending to needs of the poor, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those serving the Lord in hidden and humble ways, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community witnessing to our faith in Christ while at work and at rest, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead awaiting their inheritance as daughters and sons of God, we pray to the Lord.

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
19 July 2015

That the Church shepherding God's people, be filled with gentleness and love, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That public leaders know compassion for those without food, and shelter, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who seek guidance find light and direction in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That this parish continue in prayer and communion as we bear witness to the gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the dead receive their eternal reward in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
26 July 2015

For the Church proclaiming the presence of Christ in our midst, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in political office seeking to be just stewards of the world's resources, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the hungry of this world, longing for physical and spiritual sustenance, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community living out its baptismal call in humility and gentleness, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead, awaiting their entry into the Eternal Feast, we pray to the Lord.

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
2 August 2015

For Church leaders guiding the faithful in lives of sincerity and holiness, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For world leaders, being called to provide bread for the hungry and justice to those who are oppressed, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the sick and dying, seeking relief in the midst of their suffering, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those gathered, being renewed in the Spirit and clothed in the righteousness of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead, longing for their place at the Eternal Feast, we pray to the Lord.

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The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
9 August 2015

That the Church be tenderhearted and merciful towards all people, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the Earth's leaders put away all bitterness as they strive to bring the world a lasting peace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who struggle with mental illness know the abiding presence of God's love, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That our community be a living witness of God's love and forgiveness, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the dead take their place as honoured guests at the Banquet of the Lamb, we pray to the Lord.

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The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
16 August 2015

For the Church welcoming the simple, the broken and the sinner, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For world leaders justly sharing the earth's resources among all of God's the people, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those struggling with substance abuse and addictions invited to healing and renewal, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community being transformed through our sharing in the Bread of Heaven, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead longing for their place in heaven and for those who mourn their loss, we pray to the Lord.

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
23 August 2015

That those in the Church living out the vocation of marriage reflect Christ's love to the world, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That leaders around the world foster respect for the equality and dignity of women, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who feel far from God know His unconditional love for them, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That we who share in the body of Christ remain steadfast in their witness to the gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who served Christ in life be embraced by Him in the next, we pray to the Lord.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

As many of you are aware, Pope Francis has invited the global community to work more diligently in caring for the Earth's resources and has asked that September 1st be kept as a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

He does so in union with the Orthodox Churches who also remember this intention on September 1st.

Bishop Fabbro has asked that we remember this intention of the Holy Father on Sunday, August 30, 2015. To this end, I have written intercessions and a collect for use in your parishes and communities. I ask that you use these intentions so that we are praying with one heart and one voice.

I hope that in the next years we will see more resources from both the CCCB and the Holy See.

Yours in His Service,

Michael Bechard (Rev.)

Director of Liturgy

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Sunday, August 30, 2015

For ministers in the Church proclaiming the Good News to every place and people,
we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in public office enacting laws and policies to protect the earth and her
resources, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our First Nations brothers and sisters bearing witness to the dignity of all
creation, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community seeking conversion to better steward the bounty that has been
entrusted to us, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died longing for a place of rest and repose at the Eternal
Banquet, we pray to the Lord.

COLLECT

From the rising to the setting of the sun,
You are our God, living and true.
You have planted Your law in our hearts
and You continue to nurture this seed in ways of peace.
We ask that You strengthen us through the Eucharist which we share.
May our words and actions reflect Your goodness
and hasten Your Son's return in glory.
We ask this through the same Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever.

Amen.

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
6 September 2015

For the Church, serving God's people without distinction for rich or poor, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For world leaders fostering societies of peace and justice, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those living with physical and mental disabilities, seeking dignity and integration, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our community, listening through our spiritual deafness to the voice of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead sleeping in Christ that they rise in the promise of the Resurrection, we pray to the Lord.

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
13 September 2015

That the Church, live out the Gospel without fear and compromise, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That leaders keep faith and justice at the heart of their mission, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those poor and suffering find relief from their burdens, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That our parish family remain rooted in charity and our confession of faith, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who have died rise with Christ in glory, we pray to the Lord.

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
20 September 2015

For Pope Francis and his collaborators engaging the nations with gentleness and mercy, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those in authority working for peace through acts of justice and compassion, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For a deepening respect for the dignity of human life from conception until death, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our parish community working together to hasten the Reign of God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead seeking a place of rest and repose in God's presence, we pray to the Lord.

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
27 September 2015

For those engaged in ministry serving God and God's people, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For wealthy nations sharing their wealth and resources with the needy, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those living across the globe without a place to call home, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this assembly holding fast to God's precepts and laws, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead longing for a place of rest and repose in heaven, we pray to the Lord.

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
4 October 2015

For the Church encouraging the baptized to live lives centered on the Gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For families displaced by conflict, longing for peace, reconciliation and safety, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the victims of domestic abuse finding freedom and healing in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the families of this parish, seeking the face of God in our homes, work and leisure, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For loved ones who have gone before us, awaiting their entry into paradise, we pray to the Lord.

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
11 October 2015

For men and women religious in the Church, living out their vocation in radical fidelity, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For national leaders listening to the voices of the marginalized and oppressed, at home and abroad, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who suffer from addictions, seeking comfort and healing, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our parish family, rejoicing and sharing together in the harvest of the land, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the dead, longing for the loving embrace of our Saviour, we pray to the Lord.

World Mission Sunday / The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

18 October 2015

For missionaries, remembering the journeys of those who travelled and served before them, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who live in areas of conflict, searching for safety, support and peace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For local ministries, serving the poor and isolated in our own community, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For our parish family, sharing in the Eucharist, our source of strength, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have lost their lives for the sake of the Gospel, looking forward to the promise of the resurrection, we pray to the Lord.

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

25 October 2015

That lay ministers serving in the Church find an open ear with their ordained collaborators, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those in authority remembering all that God has done be generous to those most in need, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That young people discerning where God may be calling experience wisdom and on their journey, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That this community of the faithful find strength and courage through their sharing in the Eucharist, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the dead who have died longing for peace, know comfort in the arms of God, we pray to the Lord.

All Saints (Year B)
Sunday, November 1, 2015

For the baptized following in the footsteps of the saints who have come before us, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For world leaders assisting refugees and displaced people without discrimination, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those closed off to the words of the Gospel that longing for true peace they find conversion of heart, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community gathering to meet Christ in the Eucharist, so as to also meet Him in the streets, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the saints longing to find welcome among the blessed in the household of God, we pray to the Lord.

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
8 November 2012

For Bishop Fabbro and for our pastors sharing in the priesthood of Christ Jesus, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For political leaders in our community inviting citizens of our country to walk with God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the hungry and homeless in our communities searching for shelter and sustenance, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community opening its heart to the Reign of God in our midst, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those that have died now awaiting a place of eternal peace and rest, we pray to the Lord.

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
15 November 2015

For Bishop Fabbro and for our pastors sharing in the priesthood of Christ Jesus, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For political leaders in our community inviting citizens of our country to walk with God, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the hungry and homeless in our communities searching for shelter and sustenance, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For this community opening its heart to the Reign of God in our midst, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those that have died now awaiting a place of eternal peace and rest, we pray to the Lord.

The Solemnity of Christ the King (B)
22 November 2015

That the Church be given strength in her ministry of proclaiming the Reign of God to the ends of the earth, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That nations of the world come together in serving God in accordance with the values of the gospel, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That a just and equitable solution be provided for all refugees and displaced persons, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That as members of God's household, all that we do be directed to glorifying our Father in heaven, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those who have died longing for eternal rest find themselves numbered among the saints, we pray to the Lord.

The Second Sunday of Advent (C)
6 December 2015

That the Church be steadfast in proclaiming God's mercy as she prepares for Christ's return in glory, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That those serving in political office fill in the valleys of poverty and level the mountains of injustice and violence, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the dignity of human life from conception to natural death be respected and upheld, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That through this feast our love increase and that we be filled with the fruits of God's grace, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

That the good work begun in our deceased brothers and sisters be brought to fulfillment in God's presence, we pray to the Lord.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

In our parish, to highlight the importance of Pope Francis' teaching on mercy, we will be running the following piece in our bulletin.

The practice is simple, inexpensive (free) and provides an easy way of offering solid catechesis at a parish level.

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Throughout his papacy, Pope Francis has embodied both in his words and actions the depth of God's merciful love. Time and time again we have witnessed his example - from washing the feet of prisoners, opening a homeless shelter just outside the Vatican walls, to embracing those with disabilities. The Holy Father wants so much for us to rekindle our call to embody God's mercy that he has called for an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, beginning on December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016.

In the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis writes: "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions, and his entire person reveals the mercy of God . . . We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness. . . At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives."

How will you recommit yourself as a disciple of Christ? How will you renew your call to authentic Christian witness – to be the face of mercy toward others?

As the Year of Mercy unfolds, you will notice that once a month our liturgies will begin with a brief teaching on mercy from Pope Francis. Along with this teaching, we will sing together the Year of Mercy hymn, entitled "Misericordes sicut Pater" (translated as "Be merciful as your Father is merciful"). Written by English Catholic composer Paul Inwood, this hymn was chosen as the official setting for the hymn of the Holy Year of Mercy after an international competition was held by The Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization. May such moments be opportunities to focus and reflect more fully upon our call to "be merciful as Your Father is merciful."

The Third Sunday of Advent (C)
13 December 2015

For the Church rejoicing in the presence of the Holy One of Israel in our midst, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For refugees and all those displaced by global conflicts searching for shelter and security, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those suffering with fear and anxiety who long for peace of mind and heart, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For the members of this assembly providing faithful witness to the Good News that has been shown to us, we pray to the Lord.

(PAUSE)

For those who have died awaiting a place at the Wedding Feast of the Lamb, we pray to the Lord.