

17 July 2022
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Prayer of the Faithful

Priest As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to love and serve one another, so let us turn to the Father with our prayers for ourselves and for our world.

1. We pray for Pope Francis, our bishop Anthony, all bishops and priests. May they continue to witness to God's message, be expressions of His nurturing love and instruments of His healing and peace to all who find life's journey burdensome. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
2. For those overwhelmed by activity. May God help us slow down and be aware of His daily gifts and blessings, as we live out our vocations as single, married, religious, deacons and priests. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
3. For those whose lives are filled with distraction and fears. May our anxieties be calmed and may we be able to rest in the stillness of God's presence. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
4. For all doctors, nurses and healthcare professionals. May they be allowed to function according to their conscience and may God touch their hearts. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
5. For the Sisters of Saint Joseph in New South Wales as they celebrate 150 years since arriving from Adelaide to begin ministry in this State. May the inspiration of Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods continue to bring hope to a needy world. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
6. Grant patience, healing, and comfort to those who are sick and suffering: Tom Carson, David Harlor, Kathleen Nemeth, Flavia Mendez, Angelo Di Matteo. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
7. Let us pray for the souls of those who recently departed from this life: Zella Eveline Comer, Christopher Kelly, Giuseppe Dimarco, Vincenzo Di Costanzo.

Let us pray for those whose death anniversary occurs about now: Carlo Sala, Sr Lisandra Crafa, Lie Kioen Tiam, Tom Kokinovski, George Voyagis, Iris Voyagis.

Pray for the souls of Alan Mercer, Kathleen Mercer, Janice Mercer, all deceased priests and the Poor Souls in Purgatory. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

Priest Lord, with Abraham and Sarah we open wide our hearts to serve you; with Mary of Bethany we open wide our ears to hear your word; with Martha we open wide our hands to do your work. May our prayers today centre our lives on your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.