

31 July 2022
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Prayer of the Faithful

Priest Raised with Christ, let us seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the Right Hand of the Father.

1. We pray for Pope Francis, our bishop Anthony, all bishops and priests. May they guide us in looking for the things that are in heaven and so become rich through words of Faith, attitudes of Hope and deeds of Love. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
2. We pray for the grace to recognise and reform behaviour that is not life-giving. With the help of prayer and the Sacraments, may we be slow to take offense, quick to excuse and forgiving at any cost so that we will not be diverted in our service of the Lord. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
3. We pray for children in care, for orphans and for vulnerable children throughout the world. That their young lives be lovingly nurtured and protected so that they may develop into what God has planned them to be. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
4. We pray for all who bear the burden of poverty or financial struggles, particularly the unemployed. May they look to God to sustain and console them, may they be guided to use their resources wisely and may they quickly find the means to support themselves and their families. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
5. We pray for Fr George as he celebrates 15 years of priesthood. May he continue to be faithful in prayer, dutiful in his celebration of the Sacraments, compassionate to the needy, and conscientious in his service of God's people. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
6. Grant patience, healing, and comfort to those who are sick and suffering: Tom Carson, David Harlor, Emily Kok, Clara Lee, Charella Parata, Patricia Legge. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
7. Let us pray for the souls of those who recently departed from this life: Antonio Gotera, Sr Doris, Vincent Jiang, Joseph Loughnan, Giovanni Coglitore.

Let us pray for Margarida Cameirao whose death anniversary occurs about now. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

Priest God our Father, you are our strength and joy. Open our hearts to your grace and lead us to your Kingdom. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.