

19 February 2023
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: Challenged by Christ our Lord to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect, we bring all our needs to our Father who is kind and merciful.

1. Let us pray for Pope Francis, our bishop Anthony, all bishops, priests and religious. That relying on the Lord, they may develop inner strength and holiness as they lead the faithful on the path of salvation. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
2. We are called to be temples of God, worthy of the Spirit who dwells in us. May we always seek what is true and good, persevering in doing the will of the Father even when it seems foolish by human reckoning. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
3. We are called to perfection. May we be perfect by giving up pride, resentment, anger, prejudice and hatred; instead recognising and responding to God's presence in every person we meet especially when they are behaving badly. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
4. We are called to unity. May families which have become divided and friendships which have fallen apart be healed and restored through Christ's commandment to love heroically. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
5. May Christians who have faced fierce persecution and who continue to have their right to religious freedom denied, teach us to be humble and grateful in our faith as we witness their refusal to hate their persecutors. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
6. Grant patience, healing and comfort to those who are sick and suffering: Anita Chan, Fred Perera, Juanita Purrone, Sylvia Newell, Lee Kendrick, Thian Sun Kideng, Victor Romanoff, Darrell Boesen, Cathleen Alaburn. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
7. Grant eternal rest to our recently departed relatives and friends: Rommel Mallion, Bernadette Karout, Maria Funay, Anne Boesen, Mario Valdeabella, Burton Craig.

Let us pray for those whose death anniversary occurs about now.

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

Priest: Lord of all peoples, as we pray for these intentions, help us to face our faults, repent of our sins and walk again in holiness in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.