

**Universal Prayer**

**Priest's Introduction** Dear brothers and sisters, filled with paschal joy, let us pray more earnestly to God that he, who graciously listened to the prayers and supplications of his beloved Son, may now be pleased to look upon us in our lowliness.

For those who, with the Covid-19 Pandemic, are still waiting to celebrate Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist; that they may prepare well so that their new life in Christ may continue to grow, we pray to You, Lord. **R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

That young people may find joy in seeking You their God, and that by living the Gospel they may help to renew the world, we pray to You, Lord. **R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

In union with Pope Francis' worldwide intention for May, we pray "that deacons, faithful in their married and family life and service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church", we pray to You, Lord. **R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

For all victims of sexual abuse or violence, for their families and communities; for all those who are hungry, thirsty, naked, elderly, lonely, sick, in trouble, in prison, refugees, abandoned, or suffering injury or loss due to calamities, we pray to You, Lord. **R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

For Humanity during this Covid-19 Pandemic – especially the unemployed or oppressed – that all may find peace in the Risen Christ, we pray to You Lord.... **R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

That married couples may get closer to each other by turning to the Holy Trinity for refuge, healing, peace and strength, we pray to You, Lord. **R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

That families may support each other with their faith in Jesus, and that engaged couples and all those preparing for marriage and family life may find in Jesus a mentor, Saviour, and friend, we pray to You Lord.... **R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

That men being called by You, Lord, to serve as priests may take courage and put their trust in You and say "Yes!" to your call as Mary and Joseph did, we pray to You Lord.... **R.**

That our governments may respect parents as first educators of their children, and that all children and families in trouble, and all who suffer from the rigours of winter, the Pandemic, or other troubles, may find comfort in your love, O God, given in Jesus, we pray to You Lord.... **R.**

For the shepherds of our souls, that they may have the strength to govern wisely the flock entrusted to them by the Good Shepherd, we pray to You Lord.... **R.**

For our own communities, that as we emerge from isolation we may bear witness with great confidence to the Resurrection of Christ, we pray to You Lord.... **R.**

For our own personal intentions....

**Priest's Prayer** O God, who know that our life in this present age is subject to suffering and need, hear the desires of those who cry to you and receive the prayers of those who believe in you, through Christ our Lord. **R.** Amen.

(Collection)