

**Universal Prayer**

**READER:** Please read slowly and distinctly. Thank you.

**Priest's Introduction**

**To God the Father almighty, dear brothers and sisters, may every prayer of our heart be directed, for his will it is that all humanity should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.** **R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

For the people of Canada; that we take the time to examine the public record and motives of the candidates in our riding; so that our vote in this election may help to protect the most vulnerable in our society, we pray to **You**, Lord. **R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

That people everywhere may be able to live according to their conscience; that the young may have joy in seeking You, God, and that trying to live 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 September, we pray ***that politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans***, we pray to **You**, Lord. **R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

For those who engage in renegade capitalism, that they may change and take their share of responsibility for the common good, and for new entrepreneurs; that they might build worker owned and operated businesses that develop society rather than exploit it, and create jobs rather than eliminate them, we pray to **You**, Lord. **R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

For the troubled nation of Venezuela and for all victims of sexual abuse or violence, for their families and communities; for all who are hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, in trouble, in prison, refugees, migrants, or abandoned, and for all those who cause harm to others, for their conversion, we pray to **You**, Lord. **R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

For all who are harmed by various forms of the occult, attempts to talk to the dead, voodoo, human trafficking, corruption by public figures, natural disasters, or economic or social disparities or exploitation, we pray to **You**, Lord. **R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

That families may support each other with faith in God; and that engaged couples and all those preparing for marriage and family life may trust in the **Father's** love, accept **Jesus** as their Saviour and mentor, and seek guidance from the **Holy Spirit** as their Advocate, we pray to **You** Lord.... **R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

**Priest's Prayer**

**O God, our refuge and our strength, hear the prayers of your church, for you yourself are the source of all devotion, and grant, we pray, that what we ask in faith we may truly obtain, through Christ our Lord.** **R.** Amen.

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