

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

Priest's Introduction

We have all gathered here, dear brothers and sisters, to celebrate the mysteries of our redemption; let us therefore ask almighty God that the whole world may be watered from these springs of all blessing and life.

For our veterans and all who have given their lives in service to Canada and other nations, for child soldiers and for all child slave workers, for indigenous peoples everywhere, and for children and all families in difficulty, we pray to **You** Lord....

For peace among the nuclear powers, for peace in Syria, Sudan, Congo and all places troubled by civil strife, natural disasters, or economic hardship, and for all Christians serving the common good of humanity, we pray to **You** Lord....

For safety against abuse of the law allowing medical aid in dying, and through hope in your divine mercy, for the renewed desire to live for suffering or discouraged people of all ages and conditions, we pray to **You** Lord....

For our municipal governments, for the rights of workers and the unemployed, for parishes serving the mission, and for a more human society, we pray to **You** Lord....

For respect for girls and women worldwide, for small farmers and small family enterprises, for youth, athletes, and for a culture of encounter, we pray to **You** Lord....

For countries receiving refugees, for all those who have been exiled or displaced from their homes, for victims of violence or terrorism, and for Christians in exploited nations and for all persecuted Christians, we pray to **You** Lord....

For the elimination of the arms trade and sexual slavery, for the honesty and integrity of journalists, politicians, and public servants, and for artists and all who work to protect the environment, we pray to **You** Lord....

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.

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