

**Universal Prayer**

**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.**

For all indigenous peoples worldwide but especially in Canada on this National Indigenous Day; that at all levels of Canadian society and government we may honour their dignity, be receptive to their rich heritage, and engage in Nation to Nation building, we pray to You Lord...    **R.**

For all fathers on this Fathers' Day – especially those experiencing difficult challenges – that all may find peace in your Most Sacred Heart, we pray to You Lord....    **R.** Lord, make us missionary...

That married couples may grow closer through trust in your Most Sacred Heart; that families may support each other with their faith in God; and that engaged couples preparing for marriage and family life may make room for You, we pray to You, Lord.    **R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

That our governments may respect parents as first educators of their children; that all children and families in trouble, and all who suffer for whatever reason, may find comfort in your Most Sacred Heart – O Jesus – Gift of the Father to all of Humanity, we pray to You, Lord....    **R.**

In union with Pope Francis' worldwide intention for June, we pray "that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus", and for the Church in China, we pray to You, Most Holy Trinity.    **R.** Lord, make us missionary...

For those who are preparing to celebrate Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, and Marriage; that they may find joy in preparing; so that their life in Christ may continue to grow, we pray to You, Lord.    **R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

That young people may find much joy in seeking your Sacred Heart, O Jesus; by living the Gospel may they help to renew the world, 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, Sacred Heart of Jesus.    **R.** Lord, make us...

That men called by You, Lord, to serve as priests may with courage and trust in You say "Yes!" to your call as Mary and Joseph did, and that the shepherds of our souls may govern generously and wisely the flock entrusted to them by You, we pray to You, Sacred Heart of Jesus.    **R.**

That our communities, as we emerge from isolation, may patiently observe the health measures and bear witness with great devotion to your Most Sacred Heart, we pray to You Lord....    **R.**

For our own personal intentions....

**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.**