

**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. **(The Response is) R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

For **all families** during summer time – especially in the face of difficult challenges – that all may find peace in your Most Sacred Heart, we pray to **You** Lord.... **R.** Lord, make us missionary...

For **indigenous peoples** worldwide and in Canada as we fight against Covid-19; at all levels of Canadian society and government may we honour indigenous peoples in their dignity, be receptive to their rich heritage, and engage in Nation to Nation building, we pray to **You** Lord... **R.**

For **Father Joseph Albert Earl Sullivan** and all souls, that they may forever contemplate your beauty and enjoy your love, and for the intentions of their families, we pray to **You** Lord.... **R.**

In union with Pope Francis' **worldwide intention for July**, we pray "that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance, and especially, that they may be protected by the State", and for the Church in China, we pray to You, Most Holy Trinity. **R.** Lord, make us...

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 **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, Most Holy Trinity. **R.** Lord, make us missionary...

That **married couples** may grow closer by trusting in your love, Father; that families may support each other with their faith in You, O 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.

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 **men called by You, Sacred Heart of Jesus**, 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**, Lord. **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.... *(SILENCE followed by the priest's prayer)*

**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.**

*(Collection)*