

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 all members of the Body of Christ; that we may have joy in offering hospitality to others for love of Jesus, and in union with Christ, take the time to have meaningful personal encounters with others, we pray to **You**, Lord. **R.** Lord, make us missionary disciples.

That religious believers everywhere may be able to live according to their conscience, and that young people may find joy in seeking You their God, and trying to live the Gospel may they 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 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 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 married couples may get closer to each other by turning to the Holy Trinity for refuge, healing, peace and strength, and that all Christians may labor to protect life and promote the sanctity of life, 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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