

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

Priest's Introduction

Dear brothers and sisters, filled with paschal joy, let us pray more earnestly to God that he, who graciously listened to the prayers and supplications of his beloved Son, may now be pleased to look upon us in our lowliness.

For Catholic youth and youth everywhere that the Synod of Bishops in Rome in October may help them live their faith, discover God's call in their lives, and learn how to discern God's will, we pray to **You** Lord.... **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

For our government leaders, for peace among nations, and for the whole world; that they may truly know the peace given by Christ, we pray to **You** Lord.... **R.**

For our brothers and sisters who suffer, that through Jesus their sorrow may be turned to gladness which no one can take from them, we pray to **You** Lord.... **R.**

For those who labour for justice and peace and for the clean up and protection of our natural environment, we pray to **You** Lord.... **R.**

For the shepherds of our souls, that they may have the strength to govern wisely the flock entrusted to them by the Good Shepherd, we pray to **You** Lord.... **R.**

For us and for our own communities, that we may bear witness with great confidence to the Resurrection of Christ, we pray to **You** Lord.... **R.**

That all parents may find strength in their Christian community, and soon on Fathers' Day, that all fathers may have peace with their children, comfort in their sorrow, and joy in God's love, and that all women and men may know they are loved by God and have the joy of giving and nurturing life in creative ways, we pray to **You** Lord.... **R.**

That families may support each other with their faith in Jesus, and that engaged couples and all those preparing for marriage and family life may find in Jesus a mentor, Saviour, and friend, we pray to **You** Lord.... **R.**

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.**

(Collection)