

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
[Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25 January)]
Prayer of the Faithful

Celebrant:

Let us pray for our community, for the Church and for the world:

1. We pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis, for all church leaders, artists & influencers who promote Gospel values in our culture & society. May the witness of their lives draw others into the beauty of a life in Christ. Lord, hear us.
2. For all who promote Christian Unity: may their work bring about healing and reconciliation as a visible sign of Christ's desire "That all may be one". **Lord, hear us.**
3. We pray for persecuted Christians across the world: grant them courage, hope, and perseverance as they bear heroic witness to their faith in Christ, Jesus. **Lord, hear us.**
4. We pray for a deeper understanding of the Lord's call to witness to the Kingdom through the vocations of priesthood, consecrated and religious life, and the Sacrament of holy matrimony. **Lord, hear us.**
5. We pray for all whose work involves risk or danger: for those who earn their living from the sea or the land, for emergency services and our defence forces. We pray for their safety & well-being. **Lord, hear us.**
6. We pray for our families: may they be a source through which your love appears and grows. May they affirm and support one another as they grow to Christian maturity. **Lord, hear us.**

7. We pray for the souls of our beloved dead. May our hope in the resurrection strengthen and comfort us. **Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant:

God our heavenly Father, you are the creator of all that is good. We thank you for the graces and gifts that you bestow upon us in life. May we always glorify you. We make this prayer through Christ, our loving Lord.
Amen.