

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

It is recommended that each prayer is proclaimed slowly and followed by a noticeable silent pause, after which the reader says the invocation that is customary for the local congregation, e.g. *Lord in your mercy R. Hear our prayer.*

Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us bring the intentions of our heart to our heavenly Father.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH – HEART OF WELCOME

Reader: We pray for the Church, that we may have a heart of welcome for all people, young and old.

[Pause]

Priest: Lord in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

PRAYER FOR SOCIETY – HEART TO HEART

Reader: We pray for the people of our country, may we have a heart of love so that Christ's kingdom will come.

[Pause]

Priest: Lord in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

PRAYER FOR THOSE IN NEED – HEART OF MERCY

Reader: We pray for those who work with vulnerable young people, may our parish community know how to support them with a heart of mercy.

[Pause]

Priest: Lord in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

PRAYER FOR THE YOUNG – KING OF HEARTS

Reader: We pray for young people, may this celebration of National Youth Sunday enable them to invite Jesus to become the king of their hearts.

[Pause]

Priest: Lord in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

[Please insert prayer for your parish here]

PRAYER FOR THE PARISH

Priest: Lord in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Priest: Hear the prayers of your faithful, O Lord, and grant that all humanity may come to joyfully anticipate your Kingdom to come.

Priest: Through Christ our Lord,
All: Amen