

The Universal Prayer
Sunday 25th January 2015
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: The call of the fishermen to follow Jesus
is given to every person who is baptised.
On this Australia Day weekend, we pray that
all Christians, following Jesus, will contribute well
to the moral fibre of our nation.

1. For all in this land who are baptised into Christ,
that they will serve in the spirit of Jesus,
being committed to the works of justice, mercy, and charity.
Let us pray to the Lord.
Grant this, almighty God.

2. For all in Australia who are looking for a deeper meaning to life,
and those disillusioned and depressed,
that they will discover the beauty and compassion of God,
revealed in the person of Jesus.
Let us pray to the Lord.
Grant this, almighty God.

3. For all involved in politics at the national, state and local levels,
that they will understand their vocation as servants of the public,
and seek to develop and implement policies which are just and fair.
Let us pray to the Lord.
Grant this, almighty God.

4. For an attitude in politicians and citizens which will respect the dignity of
asylum seekers and refugees, and so seek to honour their dignity and
ensure their safety and well-being.
Let us pray to the Lord.
Grant this, almighty God.

5. For Australia in its role on the United Nations Security Council,
that it will use its influence to advance peace in Iraq and Syria,
Afghanistan and Nigeria and other places around the world torn apart by
violence and religious persecution.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Grant this, almighty God.

6. For the Indigenous peoples of Australia who lost so much of their culture,
tradition and spirituality with the arrival of Europeans two centuries ago,
that with a deep commitment to harmony and justice, everyone in this
land can work together and learn from each other.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Grant this, almighty God.

7. For those who have sacrificed their lives in the defense of Australia,
in the cause of freedom around the world, and in the safety and protection
of those in danger, that they will live forever in heaven.

We remember . . .

Let us pray to the Lord.

Grant this, almighty God.

Celebrant: Gracious Father,
 bring to the peoples of Australia
 harmony and respect,
 so that we may in turn,
 be your instruments of peace in the world.
 Through Christ our Lord.

Monday 26th January 2015

Australia Day

(Mass text and readings proper to this day)

Celebrant: With all in this land
we celebrate Australia Day,
praying God's blessing upon each person.

1. May every Australian value the freedom which is theirs,
and work for that peace which honours the dignity of everyone.
Let us pray to the Lord.
2. May the indigenous people of Australia
be proud of their history, culture and spirituality,
and receive respect from everyone.
Let us pray to the Lord.
3. May the Church, through her faith in Jesus Christ,
be a voice for the voiceless in Australia,
and have a passion for justice and mercy.
Let us pray to the Lord.
4. May those entrusted with the governing of this nation
do so in a spirit of service
which ensures that those in need are never neglected.
Let us pray to the Lord.
5. May those who are new to our country as refugees and as migrants,
and those who seek asylum here, receive a genuine welcome from the
people, and an effective and long lasting support from the government.
Let us pray to the Lord.
6. May Australian military, police, aid workers and volunteers, doctors and
nurses who are serving overseas be respectful of the people they assist
and be protected from all harm.
Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Heavenly God, we place ourselves and our nation
under your constant care so that, empowered by the Holy
Spirit, we may reflect the truth and compassion of Jesus in
our daily lives for he is Lord, for ever and ever.

Tuesday 27th January 2015
Saints Timothy and Titus
Tuesday Third Week in Ordinary Time
(First Reading Proper to the Memorial)

Celebrant: My friends, today we honour two of St Paul's most faithful companions who shared the adventure of spreading the Word of Jesus across the Roman Empire.

1. That the bishops of the Church may have that same enthusiasm for God's word and the people, as did Timothy and Titus and not become distracted by administration.
Let us pray to the Lord.
2. That missionaries who, like Saints Timothy and Titus, take the message of Christ to those who have never heard his Name, may be urged on by the charity of Christ.
Let us pray to the Lord.
3. That each one of us may fan into a flame the Spirit who was given to us in Baptism and Confirmation.
Let us pray to the Lord.
4. That the grace and peace of God the Father and Jesus Christ the Saviour, may rest upon every Christian today who is facing persecution for their faith.
Let us pray to the Lord.
5. That on this International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, we will pause to pray for the dead, and to pray for an end to all actions which today seek to destroy people because of difference of religious belief, ethnic origins and cultural traditions.
Let us pray to the Lord.
6. That we will honour the memory of those who died in the concentration camps of World War II – Jewish people, Catholic and Protestant Christians, Jehovah Witnesses, homosexuals, Roma Gypsies, the disabled, people of mixed race, and conscientious objectors – that they may rest in God's eternal peace.
Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Eternal God, may the whole world come to know the saving love and Good News of Jesus Christ,
who is Lord, for ever and ever.

Wednesday 28th January 2015
St Thomas Aquinas
Wednesday Third Week in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Having received the word of Jesus into our hearts
we pray that it may be fruitful in our daily lives.

1. May the word of God bear a rich harvest in the heart of each one of us, so that we can be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.
Let us pray to the Lord.
2. May those in whom the word of God has withered away be refreshed by the Holy Spirit,
so that they can embrace the Christian faith with new enthusiasm.
Let us pray to the Lord.
3. May those who feel the burden of their sin come with confidence to Jesus Christ,
who through his sacrifice has taken away the sin of the world.
Let us pray to the Lord.
4. May the continuing violence in Nigeria and neighbouring nations, come to an end so that all can live in respectful peace.
Let us pray to then Lord.
5. May those who are imprisoned for their Catholic faith in China have restored to them their right to freedom of religion.
Let us pray to the Lord.
6. May those who invoke St Thomas Aquinas as patron:
Fr Peter Fountain and people of Naracoorte Parish, the students and staff of Aquinas College at Adelaide University, along with philosophers and theologians, all seek the truth with humility.
Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Father, through the gift of the priesthood
you continue to enrich the Church with the Eucharist.
draw all priests close to your Son, the Eternal High Priest
for he is Lord, for ever and ever.

Thursday 29th January 2015
Thursday Third Week in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,
Jesus has urged us to live our lives
in his Light.

1. We pray for Christians everywhere,
that the goodness of their lives
may be a light revealing the compassionate face of Christ to others.
Let us pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for families where members hide secrets from each other,
that they may be able to grow in trust of one another,
forgive, be healed, and advance in goodness.
Let us pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for all who share the priesthood of Jesus through their baptism,
that they will grow in holiness uncontaminated by the negative influences
of the world.
Let us pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for those ordained to serve the Church as priests, that they
will grow in the sensitivity of Jesus, and offer their lives as a living
sacrifice for the people.
Let us pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for young people, apprentices and young workers
who have been placed under the patronage of St John Bosco,
that they may be safe, and receive encouragement from others.
Let us pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for those sick with Ebola, the families of those who have died,
those who are committed to the care of the sick, and those who are
researching for a cure and a vaccine.
Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Lord our God,
give us a love for truth
so that we will always know your love
through Christ our Lord.

Friday 30th January 2015
Friday Third Week in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: The word of God works silently in our hearts,
 producing its fruitfulness through the action of the Holy
 Spirit.

1. May we allow the Spirit to work in our lives, so that whatever good we do
 will bring glory to God, and not to ourselves.
 Let us pray to the Lord.
2. May the Church be a community, which like the mustard tree,
 offers a safe shelter for all who are damaged by life.
 Let us pray to the Lord.
3. May the word of God be fruitful in our hearts,
 and produce a harvest of good works.
 Let us pray to the Lord.
4. May those caught up in the cares of this world,
 or whose enthusiasm quickly fades,
 hear again the word of God with faith.
 Let us pray to the Lord.
5. May there be an end to the violence in Syria and Iraq, in Nigeria and the
 Ukraine, Afghanistan and South Sudan, so that people can rebuild their
 lives, and live in harmony without fear.
 Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Lord God,
 you are the rock who saves us.
 Be with us this day
 and protect us from harm.
 Through Christ our Lord

Saturday 31st January 2015
St John Bosco
Third Week in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Dear friends, in Jesus we see the One
who can calm the storms of our lives
and bring us peace.

1. That when we find life difficult
or feel the burden of anxiety,
we may place our trust in Jesus Christ and his calming love.
Let us pray to the Lord.
2. That those who at this time are struggling in life
may receive the gift of faith in Jesus Christ
through which their hope will be sustained.
Let us pray to the Lord.
3. That in this time of great suspicion of each other among people of faith,
may the spiritual descendants of Abraham - Jews, Christians and Muslims
- may walk by faith, grow in respect and understanding of one another,
and work together for the peace of this world.
Let us pray to the Lord.
4. That the Salesian Priests at Brooklyn Park and Gawler will continue to be
inspired by their founder, St John Bosco, with a special concern for
vulnerable youths.
Let us pray to the Lord.
5. That the members of the Brooklyn Park Parish, along with the students
and staff of the Parish School, may draw near to Jesus, as they honour
their patron, St John Bosco today.
Let us pray to the Lord.
6. That young people, apprentices and young workers who have been placed
under the patronage of St John Bosco, will receive encouragement from
others, remembering the needs of youths whose behaviour is anti-social
or inclined towards crime.
Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Father and King, we place in your care all who are
vulnerable, that your peace will guide them with hope.
Through Christ our Lord.