The Universal Prayer

Sunday 9th June 2024

**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: The word of God today has presented us with difficult themes:

 of Satan, sin and human decay – but also of the Spirit, grace

 and eternal life.

1. That the Church will join with Pope Francis in his intention for

 June, to pray for those who are fleeing from their own countries

 because of war, persecution, poverty and hunger.

 Lord, hear us.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That we will be understanding of refugees in our midst, offer them a

warm welcome, assist them in their needs, and be respectful of them.

 Lord, hear us.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

 **Australia and the Commonwealth of Nations.**

1. That as we mark the official birthday of King Charles this weekend,

we pray for his health and also that of his daughter-in-law, the Princess of Wales, that their recovery will be sure and steady.

Lord, hear us.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That those who struggle with sin and addictions will not despair, but

 trusting in the grace of Jesus, they will seek forgiveness and recovery

 with hope and trust.

 Lord, hear us.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That the new initiatives for a ceasefire and peace across the Holy Land

 will show the triumph of negotiations over violence, end suffering

 and release for all hostages and unjustly imprisoned people.

Lord, hear us.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That . .

 Lord, hear us.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

 **The Archdiocese of Adelaide.**

6 That those preparing for next weekend’s Diocesan Assembly will do so

 Prayerfully and enter into its dialogue in good spirit, and be committed to the mission and unity of the Church.

Lord, hear us.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That those who have folded up their tents on earth will now live in the

everlasting home in the heavens.

We also remember…

Lord, hear us.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father,

 through the death of resurrection of your Son, Jesus,

 you rescue us from the death of sin,

 and make us alive in grace;

 keep us confident and joyful in our faith.

 Through Christ our Lord.

The Universal Prayer

Monday 10th June 2024

Monday Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Today we have begun reading from that part of St Matthew’s Gospel which is known as the Sermon on the Mount.

 Jesus shows us where true blessings can be found.

1. May this holiday in honour of King Charles’ birthday evoke prayer for his

 health, and strengthen his spirit to serve in the spirit of Jesus as he pledged

at his coronation.

Lord, hear us.

1. May each one of us be poor in spirit

so that we can use wisely and generously

the many gifts of God in the service of others.

Lord, hear us.

1. May there be among all people a gentle spirit which ensures that

justice and mercy permeate all of society.

Lord, hear us.

1. May the Spirit raise up peacemakers at this time who will work to

end the violence across the Holy Land, the wars in Ukraine and Sudan

and the political confusion in Lebanon, Myanmar and Haiti.

 Lord, hear us.

1. May those persecuted for their Christian faith

adhere to Christ as their hope and strength.

Lord, hear us.

1. May the work of Alcoholics Anonymous, founded 89 years ago today,

continue to help people who are addicted to alcohol, along with their families.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Heavenly Lord, we bless you, a gentle Father,

 the God of all consolation.

 Receive our lives along with the sacrifice of your Son

 so that we may be your people now and always.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 11th June 2024**

**St Barnabas, apostle**

Celebrant: Dear friends, we honour St Barnabas, co-worker of St Paul,

 whom the early Church respected as an apostle.

1. That everyone, baptised into Christ,

may be an apostle of his gospel

and give witness to his truth and love in their daily lives.

Lord, hear us.

1. That the example of Barnabas and Paul, working together

in spreading the gospel, may help the Church today

develop a spirit of synodality in all her works.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. That we may take into every home we enter today

the peace of Christ, and share it with others

through courtesy and kindness.

Lord, hear us.

1. That the divided nation of Cyprus, which honours St Barnabas

as patron, may soon be reunited so that there is harmony

and respect among all citizens.

Lord, hear us.

1. That the world will not give up on the Holy Land, but with greater

determination work together to bring peace to all who live there.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Father,

 your love embraces the whole of creation,

 and your salvation is for every person.

 May the message of your Son, Jesus Christ,

 be heard everywhere, and bring peace and hope

 to all nations, for he is Lord for ever and ever.

#### **The Universal Prayer**

#### **Wednesday 12th June 2024**

Wednesday Tenth Week of Ordinary Time

Celebrant: As we know from experience

 law can be misused and so oppress people.

 On the other hand, good law can liberate people

 and enhance the common good.

1. May God’s law be explained,

and the law of the Church developed,

so that people can live in the freedom

which belongs to the children of God.

Lord, hear us.

1. May the laws of our nation and our State

reflect a concern for the common good

and protect the rights of each person.

Lord, hear us.

1. May efforts to secure doctors and nursing staff for

country towns and remote areas in Australia

be successful for the welfare of each community.

Lord, hear us.

4. May this World Day Against Child Labour, with its theme, “Lets act on

our commitments: End Child Labour,” ensure that we are responsible in

our purchases and never buy anything made or produced through child labour.

Lord, hear us.

5 May children never be drawn into participating in wars in the Holy Land,

Ukraine and Sudan, but be protected and loved always.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

we know that the prophets of old did your will,

as did your Son, Jesus Christ.

Give us a love for your will

so that every day becomes a offering of love

to your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 13th June 2024**

**St Anthony of Padua**

Thursday Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

**South Australia**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, as we celebrate the memorial of the popular Saint Anthony, we do so on the 184th anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in Adelaide.

1. For the Church in South Australia,

that as we celebrate this anniversary of the first Mass in Adelaide, all Catholics may discover that the Eucharist is the source and summit of their Christian life.

Lord, hear us.

1. For Archbishop Patrick of Adelaide and Bishop Karol of Port Pirie, the priests and deacons, the religious and all Christ’s faithful in South Australia, that we may work together to shape our future knowing that Christ lives in us.

Lord, hear us.

1. For vocations to the priesthood for South Australia and the religious orders who minister across our State, that the Eucharist and pastoral service may serve the Church and local communities.

Lord, hear us..

1. For all who honour St Anthony of Padua as their patron: the Edwardstown parish and school, the parish school at Millicent, the people of Manoora, the nation of Portugal, those who are poor, farmers hoping for a good harvest, and those who have lost things, that St Anthony will inspire them to read God’s word and to be generous to the poor.

Lord, hear us..

1. For peace everywhere and for everyone.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord our God as your voice speaks to us of peace, so may we bring your peace to others. Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 13th June 2024**

**St Anthony of Padua**

Thursday Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

**Outside of South Australia**

Celebrant: As Elijah, long ago,

offered to God a pleasing sacrifice,

so we now prepare to offer this perfect sacrifice

of Jesus Christ.

1. May we offer this sacrifice with pure hearts,

sincerity of spirit and integrity of faith.

Lord, hear us.

1. May parents, teachers, and all adults

honour children who are in their care,

striving to show them at all times

the best example of good living.

Lord, hear us.

1. May those who abuse the dignity of others

through word or action

come to understand that such behaviour is unacceptable

before God and humankind.

Lord, hear us

1. May all involved in the war in the Holy Land put down their weapons,

work for peace, release hostages and those unjustly imprisoned, care for the

sick and injured, shelter the homeless and feed the hungry.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord God,

 keep us safe

 for you are our hope.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Friday 14th June 2024**

Friday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Jesus teaches us to have purity of heart

 so that we are respectful of the dignity

 of every woman, man and child.

1. May Christians promote purity of heart and life

in a way which enhances human dignity.

Lord, hear us.

1. May our youth be delivered from the lure of pornography

which denigrates people, relationships and human sexuality.

Lord, hear us.

1. May the Church and society do all it can to

enhance marriage, and support people

through those times when their relationships are faltering.

Lord, hear us.

1. May there be peace for all people and the restoration of

human rights and freedom of religion.

Lord, hear us.

1. May this World Blood Donors Day encourage the generosity of people

 to serve others by the gift of their blood, and reward all who donate and

 process blood for transfusions.

 Lord, hear us.

1. May the grace of God be with all who are dying and take them into eternal

 glory.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Almighty God, be close to all who are suffering affliction at this time, hear their cry,

 and bless them with hope

 through Christ our Lord.

#### **The Universal Prayer**

#### **Saturday 15th June 2024**

(St Vitus)

**Saturday 10th Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Dear friends,

Jesus teaches us the dignity of language.

1. That we may value language, use it well, and always speak with respect to and about other people.

Lord, hear us.

2. That in our parish we may find ways to ensure that the many

 languages used by our parishioners are respected and brought

 prayerfully to the Eucharist, building up the unity of the Body of Christ.

Lord, hear us.

3. That those who are facing difficulties in their lives may come to that depth of faith by which they know that the love of Christ overwhelms them.

Lord, hear us.

4. That we will refrain from judging others, and instead be ambassadors of Christ’s reconciliation.

Lord, hear us.

5 That we, like Elijah, will hear and experience the presence of God in

in the simplest of experiences, like in a gentle breeze.

Lord, hear us.

6 That all who live with epilepsy, suffer from animal bites, or face storms,

 will find in their patron St Vitus a sure patron whom the Church honours

today.

 Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Father,

 your love embraces the whole of creation,

 and your salvation is for every person.

 May the message of your Son, Jesus Christ,

 be heard everywhere, and bring peace and hope

 to all nations, for he is Lord for ever and ever.