**The Universal Prayer**

**Sunday 16th June 2024**

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, Jesus assures us that

 the Kingdom of God constantly grows in our midst

 unseen and mysterious, but is capable of producing in us

 a harvest of good works and of warm hospitality.

1. For Pope Francis as he calls on the Church this month to pray for those fleeing their own countries, that during this Refugee Week we will join with him and offer them our help wherever and however we can.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Archdiocese of Adelaide only**

1. For the Archdiocese of Adelaide, gathered in Assembly this weekend,

that the Spirit will be with the delegates in their reflection, discussions and outcomes, for the unity of the Church and for charity in her mission.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For unity among all people of goodwill, that prayers for the end of the wars in the Holy Land and Ukraine will be insistent and fervent,

and that peace will be true and lasting.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For a Church which will grow to be fruitful in good works and be a shelter for all in need.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For the children of Africa on this Day of the African Child, that

those damaged by war, hungry for food and clean water, and all left orphaned through many tragedies will receive all the help they need.

 Lord, hear us.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For

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1. For those who died attempting to escape war, poverty and hunger,

that they will be welcomed to the heavenly banquet.

 We remember…

 Lord, hear us.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, gather to yourself

 the prayers of your people,

 as we continue to give you thanks

 for all your blessings.

 Through Christ, our Lord.

 **Amen.**

**The Universal Prayer**

**Monday 17th June 2024**

**Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: The demand of Jesus, to offer the wicked person

 no resistance, is very demanding,

 and requires that we be open to his grace and mercy.

1. May those who seek revenge because of what others have done,

receive the grace to forgive, thereby entrusting the other

to the justice and mercy of Christ.

Lord, hear us.

1. May we have that personal integrity which prays good things for others,

never wishing harm upon any person.

Lord, hear us.

1. May those who administer justice – our governments, police forces, courts and prison officials – do so with great care so that there is the opportunity for people to change and be rehabilitated.

Lord, hear us.

1. May those who act with the wickedness of Jezebel and bring harm to the innocent, turn away from their evil, seek the forgiveness of God, and make restitution.
2. May this World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought, which is affecting 40 per cent of the earth’s land, wake up all nations to take seriously

the issue of climate change and act globally for the good of all

Lord, hear us.

1. May our insistent prayer be for peace in the Holy Land.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Father, hear the prayers of those who groan in their misery.

 Have mercy on them and give them life and freedom.

 Through Christ our Lord

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 18th June 2024**

**Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: My friends, the tough teaching of Jesus

to love even our enemies

makes our faith radical and liberating.

1. That we may learn to forgive from the heart,

not hold grudges but pray for those who offend us.

Lord, hear us.

1. That those who are locked into hating their enemy

may learn that there is a new way to freedom

grounded in the commandment to forgive and to love.

Lord, hear us.

1. That those who are guilty of terrible crimes

may not despair, but by following the example of Ahab

who repented of his sins, discover the sweetness of God’s mercy.

Lord, hear us.

1. That those who are enemies – the Hamas Organisation and the Israeli Government, Russia and Ukraine, the Myanmar Army and the tribal people – be converted from war to peace by the action of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear us.

1. That we will bring to God those who need our prayers, those who have a right to them, and those with no one to pray for them.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: God, be merciful to us,

 for we have sinned

 and are in need of your compassion.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Wednesday 19th June 2024**

**St Romuald**

**Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Today’s gospel, also read on Ash Wednesday,

 is an invitation to live our Christian faith

 with joy and in freedom.

1. May our Archdiocese be graced with peace and confidence,

 working together to build up the reign of God in people’s hearts.

Lord, hear us.

2. May Christians carry out many good deeds,

being generous and merciful after the Heart of Jesus.

Lord, hear us.

3. May the prayer of Christians be sincere,

a true opening of our lives to the will of God

in all circumstances.

Lord, hear us.

4. May we learn the discipline of fasting

so that selfish pleasure does not become

a driving force in our lives.

Lord, hear us.

5 May this International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in

Conflict, with its focus on the destruction of hospitals in Gaza and Ukraine, be a cry for the needs of women wherever there is the violence of war.

Lord, hear us.

6 May St Romuald, be an advocate for those, dissatisfied with life, seek the way of Jesus with prayer, and may he be an encouragement to those who live a secluded life of prayer and penance.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord God,

 let our hearts take comfort from you,

 for all our hope is in you.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 20th June 2024**

**Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, on this World Refugee Day, Jesus teaches us the perfect prayer

 in which we can approach God as our loving Father.

1. That this World Refugee Day will remind the nations of the world of their responsibility towards the millions of people who have become refugees because of war, conflict, poverty and hunger.

Lord, hear us.

1. That our Australian Government and all political parties will refine policies so that asylum seekers and refugees will be treated humanely and be given the opportunity to have a peaceful and confident future.

Lord, hear us.

1. That we may seek the Father in prayer and place before him the daily needs of his people that they may honour his name, receive their daily bread, seek forgiveness and be forgiving toward others.

Lord, hear us.

1. That those who have been made refugees because of the policies of governments, the actions of the military and terrorist organisations,

and the destruction of homes across the Holy Land and Ukraine

will receive the help they urgently need.

Lord, hear us.

1. That this World Refugee Day, with its theme, *Finding Freedom: Family,* will help to awaken our consciences so that we stand with families in their desperate needs wanting to relieve their poverty, lack of education, health care, homes and food.

Lord, hear us.

1. That refugees and asylum seekers who have died in the quest for freedom and peace enter the eternal heavenly home.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God, look with compassion upon all refugees.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Friday 21st June 2024**

**St Aloysius Gonzaga**

**Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: As we share this Eucharist together we pray that we may value this Sacrifice and Sacrament as a great treasure of God’s love.

1. May those whose lives have become focused on material wealth and possessions come to understand that such things are passing,

and that God desires us to have spiritual treasure in heaven.

Lord, hear us.

2. May our heart be centred upon the true treasure

of God’s love, justice and mercy.

Lord, hear us.

3. May Christians radiate through their words and actions

the inner light of Christ, who is truth and compassion.

Lord, hear us.

4. May St Aloysius, patron of youth, inspire them in their Christian life through the integrity of his life and his heroic dedication to those dying of plague in Rome.

 Lord, hear us.

5 May the communities of Sevenhill and Richmond, dedicated to
St Aloysius, and the students and staff of St Aloysius College, that his powerful intercession will lead them to Jesus Christ with respect for his Holy Name.

Lord, hear us.

6 May this Refugee Week throw a light upon those trapped as refugees

within Gaza in the Holy Land and in Ukraine and beyond who have become homeless.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Father, look upon those who live with the afflictions

of war and poverty and grant them new hope

and deliverance from danger.

Through Christ our Lor

**The Universal Prayer**

**Saturday 22nd June 2024**

**St John Fisher and St Thomas More**

**Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Dear friends, Jesus teaches us to trust in the Providence of God who sees all our needs.

1. That Christians may be an example to others

of trust in God’s care as they reach out with respect to all people.

Lord, hear us.

2. That those who are preoccupied with fashion and beauty

may come to understand that a person’s true worth is found

in the righteousness of their heart and not in appearances.

Lord, hear us.

3. That leaders of nations who oppress, imprison, torture and kill their

opposition, as did Queen Athaliah, will repent of their crimes, resign from their positions, and so pave the way for the restoration of justice with new and wise leaders.

Lord, hear us.

4. That the courage of St John Fisher and St Thomas More, holding true to the Catholic Church and belief in the sanctity of marriage will be a model for the Church today and give hope to us all.

 Lord, hear us.

5 May St Thomas More, husband and father, lawyer and martyr, intercede

 for the people of St Thomas More community at Elizabeth, the students

and staff of its parish school and those of St Thomas More College, and lawyers who are also placed under his patronage.

 Lord, hear us.

6 May lawyers who give of their time, assisting refugees to settle

in safe countries, be rewarded in the World Refugee Week, for their devotion and generosity.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Father, we seek you, our true good,

 and we ask for your blessing now and always.

 Through Christ our Lord.