The Universal Prayer

Sunday 23rd June 2024

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

the image of Jesus calming the storm

gives us hope in the midst of so many

storms of war and destruction in the world today.

1. We pray that the calming voice of Pope Francis, who pleads for peace,

care of the earth and fraternity among people, will transform humanity.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. We pray for everyone whose life has become like a violent storm,

that people of goodwill will be present to them with compassion and support.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. We pray on this International Widow’s Day for all women in the

situation, remembering especially those widowed by wars across the Holy Land, in Ukraine and Russia, in Sudan and every place where there is hunger.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. We pray for the release of the 120 Israeli hostages held in Gaza and the

almost 10,000 Palestinians illegally imprisoned in the Occupied West Bank, that freedom will soon be theirs.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. We pray for the nation of Myanmar caught up in civil war, for the Democratic Republic of the Congo being destroyed by terrorists, and Haiti, trying to rebuild after the violence of the gangs, that real peace will prevail.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

6 We pray for . . .

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

7. We pray for the dead that they may become the new creation in Christ.

We remember..

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord our God,

surrounded by the storms of life

we cry out for all in distress,

that you would still the storms with a whisper,

and cause a song of thanksgiving to rise

from grateful hearts.

Through Christ our Lord.

The Universal Prayer

Monday 24th June 2024

**Solemnity of the Birth of St John the Baptist**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

as we celebrate the birth of St John the Baptist,

we praise Jesus Christ through whom John

was sanctified.

1 We pray that the joy of St John’s birth

may echo throughout the Church today

as the grace of Christian joy for all who draw close to Jesus.

Lord, hear us.

2 We pray for every child conceived, that surrounded by love,

their right to life and to safety will be respected by all.

Lord, hear us.

3. We continue to pray for an end to the violence in the Holy Land where

St John the Baptist was born, and for the surrounding nations caught up in violence, that Christ’s peace will prevail everywhere.

Lord, hear us.

4 We pray for the people of Jordon, placed under the patronage of St John, that they may play a significant role in bringing peace to the Holy Land and that the King of Jordan, given guardianship of the Holy Sites, will continue to protect them.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray for the Plympton Parish, Fr Denis and the people, along with the

students and staff of their school dedicated to St John the Baptist, that his holiness and courage will be theirs.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord our God, you knit each of us together in our mother’s

womb. We thank you for the wonder of our being,

and pray that we may always respect and reverence the life you have given us, made even more wondrous in baptism.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 25th June 2024**

12th Week in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: My friends, the Golden Rule, found in many faiths

is taught by Jesus: *always treat others*

*as you would like them to treat you.*

1. That there may be among all peoples a growing mutual respect

so that they treat each other with equal justice and mercy.

Lord, hear us.

1. That every religion and faith may help their followers

to live with integrity, so that compassion and kindness prevail over

all prejudice and intolerance.

Lord, hear us.

1. That God may protect Jerusalem and the Land which we call Holy,

along with all its citizens, Jewish, Muslim, Druze and Christian,

as God promised through his prophet long ago.

Lord, hear us.

1. That those who struggle in life will find the truth path which leads

to God and the saving grace of his Son, Jesus Christ.

Lord, hear us.

1. That every country dealing with violence, along with those affected by natural disasters, will be our concern and the subject of our prayer during this Eucharist.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God,

great and worthy to be praised,

receive our prayers

and grant them.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

#### **Wednesday 26th June 2024**

(Ss John and Paul)

12th Week in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Jesus calls on us to produce good fruits:

those things of the spirit and heart

which last to eternity.

1. May the fruits of the Holy Spirit be abundant in the lives of Christians

so that through them they give witness to Christ.

Lord, hear us.

1. May the gift of prudence help Christians to discern between true and false prophets, so that they are not swayed by every religious novelty,

but seek rather the truth of God’s word.

Lord, hear us.

1. May Christians keep the commandments and decrees of God’s law

with all their heart and soul, just as the king promised in the time of the priest Hilkiah.

Lord, hear us.

4 That this International Day in Support of the Victims of Torture will bring an end to such barbaric practices, especially across the Holy Land, Ukraine and Russia, Sudan, Myanmar, Congo, and Baso Faso.

Lord, hear us.

5 That this International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

with its theme, “Support Don’t Punish”, will enlighten governments and administrators to help users to be rehabilitated.

Lord, hear us.

6 That the people of Tarlee, who honour the martyrs Saints John and Paul as

their patrons, may follow their example of courage in the living of their faith.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord God, guide us in the path of your commands,

help us to delight in them, so that we will find life

through them.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 27th June 2024**

**St Cyril of Alexandria**

(Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

12th Week in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

Jesus has urged us to make his word of truth

the solid foundation of our lives.

1. We pray for each other that we may love truth

and build our parishes on the foundation of our shared faith

in Jesus Christ.

Lord, hear us.

2. We pray for those whose faith is tested by the storms

of indifference which surround them, so that they can find Jesus, the foundation of the Church.

Lord, hear us.

3 We pray in this Year of Prayer, leading to next year’s Jubilee Year, for

Catholics everywhere, that they will discover a deeper faith in Jesus.

Lord, hear us.

4 We pray that peace will prevail in Syria and Lebanon as the lives of their

citizens and the Palestinian refugees sheltering there, will be delivered from present sufferings.

Lord, hear us.

5 We pray that St Cyril, “a tower of truth”, will encourage all Christians to seek Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Lord, hear us.

6 We pray on this memorial of Our Lady of Perpetual Help that though her

intercession peace will come to the people of Haiti and that the people of Kangaroo Island Parish, who also honour her as patroness, will receive many graces.

Lord, hear us

Celebrant: Lord our God, let your compassion meet those who

live with distress so that hope and peace may be theirs.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Friday 28th June 2024**

**St Irenaeus**

**12th Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

the man with leprosy, with great faith,

put his life in the hands of Jesus,

and received the gift of healing.

1. We pray for each other, that we may have the same trust in God

as did the man in the Gospel, and so walk without fear.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray that the nation of Israel may learn a lesson from the people of

Judah long ago, and so not be arrogant about their own military strength, but rather look to building up their moral strength.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray for the sick in our hospitals and nursing homes,

along with those cared for in their own homes,

that the healing of Christ may give them patience, trust,

hope and peace.

Lord, hear us.

4 We pray for those communities around the world whose churches have

been destroyed by government forces and terrorists, that in their distress they will understand that they themselves are the Body of Christ and Temples of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear us.

5 We pray that the example of St Irenaeus, as a bishop of pastoral concern

for his people, will inspire and encourage the bishops of the Church today.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord our God,

may we, like your people of old,

remember your holy city Jerusalem

where your Son redeemed the world.

May it be once again your city of peace.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

#### **Saturday 29th June 2024**

**The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul**

Celebrant: My friends, we rejoice in this festival honouring the Apostles Peter and Paul, whose faith and courage shaped the Church in its beginning.

1. That Pope Francis, successor of Peter and Bishop of Rome, may be blessed with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear us.

1. That every Christian may receive the grace to affirm the faith of Peter

who recognised Jesus as *the* *Christ, the Son of the Living God.*

Lord, hear us.

1. That the priests and people of Saints Peter and Paul’s parish at Gawler,

the community of St Peter at Normanville and the parish of St Paul at Mt Gambier, and all at St Paul’s College in Gilles Plains, may be strengthened in their faith and pastoral care this day.

Lord, hear us.

1. That those who make their living by fishing and who honour St Peter as their patron, along with the nations of Malta and Greece, so that all will be protected, grow in trust in the providence of God and find faith in Jesus.

Lord, hear us.

6. That peace may come to the Holy Land where Peter and Paul preached the Gospel and opened it to the nations, so that the small Christan community there will be a brave and kindly witness to their faith in Jesus and his universal love.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God, you alone can set us free from our fears.

Give us an abiding love for the Name of Your Son, Jesus, and let us live under his protection

now and forever.

**Amen**