The Universal Prayer

Sunday 30th June 2024

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

St Paul, who has reminded us about the graces which we

have received, calls on us to work for mercy,

a mercy which we see in Jesus, healing Jarius’ daughter.

1. That we, who have received the graces of faith,

understanding, and keenness for good causes,

may, in union with Pope Francis, share with others,

the grace of Christ’s mercy.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That parents, concerned for the health of a child, will receive

for their child the medical care needed, and for the family,

emotional, spiritual and material support.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That as Jesus spoke to the little girl with tenderness and healing,

we will treat all children with respect, kindness and encouragement.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That women who live with chronic illness, will not be forgotten, but be

helped by governments, religious and community organisations so as to relieve their pain and distress.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That the cries of people of goodwill around the world on behalf of the peoples suffering through the Israeli - Palestinian and the Ukrainian - Russian wars, will be heard by God and by those who have the earthly power to bring wars to an end.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

6. That

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That the many hundreds of Muslims who have died on the Haj Pilgrimage

will find peace in God, along with the victims of today’s wars.

We also remember…

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Eternal God,

receive our praise,

for you always listen and have pity;

come to the help for all who suffer.

Through Christ our Lord.

The Universal Prayer

Monday 1st July 2024

Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: We hear again part of yesterday’s Gospel:

the invitation to follow Jesus.

1. May all who have responded to the call of Jesus into the Priesthood,

be faithful to their commitment.

Lord, hear us.

2. May all who have embraced the religious life

out of love for Jesus, serve others in his Spirit.

Lord, hear us.

3. May all who have entered into the marriage covenant

know the love of Christ in their family life.

Lord, hear us.

4 May justice come to the poor who are trampled upon

in so many places in the world.

Lord, hear us.

5 May those who oppress virtuous people

know that what they and doing is wrong.

Lord, hear us.

6 May those who seek to destroy through war

know that the God of Peace will save the oppressed.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Father and King,

may all nations praise you

for your love is strong

and your faithfulness is forever.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 2nd July 2024**

**Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time.**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, we see in Jesus’ calming the storm

a sign that he can also calm the storms of our hearts and lives.

1. We pray for those who approach God in prayer,

that their faith may be strong,

their hope secure, and their trust unshakable.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray for people whose cities and villages have been destroyed by

earthquakes, cyclones, floods, tidal waves and fires in the past few years, that they, in their ongoing needs, will not be forgotten by their governments nor by the world.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray for those who are prophets in the Church today,

that we may hear in their words and see in their lives

the action of the Spirit calling us all to unity and faith.

Lord, hear us.

5 We pray that the destruction in Gaza and across Palestine

and in Ukraine and Russia will cease, so that in peace, rebuilding will take place for the safety of people.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord our God,

fill our hearts and minds with your love

so that we can walk by your truth.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday 3rd July 2024**

St Thomas, apostle  
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Dear friends, so often St Thomas is remembered as the apostle who doubted, but rather we should honour him as the one who came to a great depth of faith in the Risen Lord.

1. May the example and prayers of St Thomas

strengthen the faith of Christians who face persecution

in many countries today.

Lord, hear us.

2. May all who believe without seeing

be greatly blessed by the Lord this day.

Lord, hear us.

3. May the Christians of India, who first received the Christian faith through St Thomas, be compassionate in their dealings with others,

and strong in their faith, especially when they face harassment and persecution.

Lord, hear us.

4. May the Indian faithful in our own parishes contribute to our Church and society with commitment to justice, compassion for the needy, and prayer for all.

Lord, hear us.

5 May the students and staff of St Thomas’s School at Goodwood, rejoice in their heavenly patron, and so grow in faith, hope and charity.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Father and King, may all nations praise you

for your love is strong

and your faithfulness is forever.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Thursday 4th July 2024**

**St Elizabeth of Portugal**

**Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, the power of Jesus to heal the sick

pointed to a greater power: to forgive sin.

1. We pray for those who are burdened with sin,

that they may not doubt God’s mercy,

but turn from their sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray for those who approach God in prayer,

that their faith may be strong, their hope serene,

and their trust unshakable.

Lord, hear us.

3. We pray for those who have a prophetic voice in the Church,

that like Amos they may speak the truth with courage,

trusting in God’s help.

Lord, hear us.

4. We pray for the all the people of the Holy Land that the bitterness between Palestinians and Israelis may be resolved through dialogue and not weapons, so that there is hope and security for all.

Lord, hear us.

5 We pray that St Elizabeth of Portugal will show by her love of the

Eucharist and care of the poor a way of life for all of us, and by her

prayer and example in drawing her husband to virtue, support women

in similar situations.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord our God, in your law is found the goodness of truth. Let us walk in the light of that truth

so that justice and peace prevail everywhere.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Friday 5th July 2024**

**St Anthony Zaccaria**

Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, Jesus’ call for mercy

leads us into prayer in which we seek his mercy on the Church and world.

1. That the Church may always reveal the mercy of God,

never imposing unnecessary burdens n people.

Lord, hear us.

1. That our prayer may always be sincere,

our lives rich with mercy,

our love all embracing.

Lord, hear us.

1. That we may open our hearts and homes in a spirit of hospitality,

building up the community in the way Jesus has shown us.

Lord, hear us.

1. That those who are sick in spirit,

and who find their hearts heavy with sin or disappointment or fear,

may experience the healing touch of Jesus Christ.

Lord, hear us.

1. That the commitment of St Anthony Zaccaria to the renewal of the Church

after the Protestant Reformation will remind us that the Church is always in need for renewal to become the worthy bride of Christ.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord our God, give us a hunger for your word,

so that we can learn the true spirit of your Son

Jesus Christ who is Lord forever and ever.

**Saturday 6th July 2024**

**St Maria Goretti**

**Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Dear friends, Jesus likens himself to a bridegroom, whose companions are to rejoice in his presence, and who are also to be people of self-discipline

1. May Christians know when to celebrate

and when to fast, so that there is always a healthy balance in their lives.

Lord, hear us.

1. May God continue to bring his grace upon human actions,

so that where there is deception and cheating,

God will cause justice and truth to prevail.

Lord, hear us.

1. May the present food crisis in the world, especially in parts of Africa

caused by drought and war, as well as in the Holy Land and Ukraine,

increase the humanitarian aid from developed and wealthy countries.

Lord, hear us.

1. May the purity and goodness of St Maria Goretti be an encouragement for

young people placed under her patronage, so that they will always appreciate their own dignity and self-worth.

Lord, hear us.

1. May the Australian campaign promoting the importance of free consent

within relationships help teenagers and young adults to be honest and respectful with each other at all times.

Lord, hear us.

6 May Archbishop John O’Reily, first bishop of Port Augusta and second Archbishop of Adelaide, rest in God’s peace as we mark the 109th anniversary of his death.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Father and King, may all nations praise you

for your love is strong and your faithfulness is forever.

Through Christ our Lord.