**The Universal Prayer**

**Sunday 23rd February 2025**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: My sisters and brothers, as Jesus teaches us to love even our enemies, we pray for the grave situations in

 the Holy Land and Ukraine, and also for the Jubilee of Deacons this weekend.

1. May Pope Francis receive the gift of healing at this time

so that he can continue to lead the Church during this

Jubilee of Hope.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

 Archdiocese of Adelaide only

1a May Pope Francis receive the gift of healing at this time,

and Archbishop Patrick be filled with the Spirit as he

celebrates 10 years since being ordained a bishop next Wednesday.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. May the Deacons of the Church, celebrating their vocation of service this weekend in this Jubilee of Hope, model themselves on Jesus, who came among us *as one who serves.*

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

 Australia only

1. May the Deacons of Australia, preparing for their National Conference, beginning next Thursday in Adelaide, be filled with hope in their ministry, serve with kindness, being supported by their wives and families.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

1. May every effort be made to renew and extend the ceasefire

 in the Holy Land, so the hostages and prisoners are released,

 humanitarian aid, shelter and medical aid flows into Gaza,

 and the violence in the West Bank cease immediately.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. May the people of Ukraine, marking the 3rd anniversary on

Monday of their invasion by Russia, experience the support of many nations, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit,

find a lasting and just peace.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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1. May those who died in the Palestinian and Israeli war,

 and in the Ukrainian and Russian war, rest in the peace

 of God who loves all humanity.

 We also remember…

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord our God,

you forgive our sins,

heal our ills

redeem our lives,

receive our thanksgiving

through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Monday 24th February 2025**

**Seventh Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: The power of God in Jesus

 is the source of all healing and peace,

and so join in prayer for the people of Ukraine and Russia as we mark the 3rd anniversary of the war.

1. May true peace come to Ukraine, an end to violence, destruction and death.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May the people of Russia be delivered from the present war

and learn to live peacefully with their neighbouring nations.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May the nations of Europe, the United States and of other places

work together to bring an end to the Ukrainian/Russian war

with respect, honesty, justice and love.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May the gift of wisdom shape the lives and hearts of all

who choose to live with goodness and hope.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May this National Eating Disorders Awareness Week be a particular help to all who live with this condition, their anxious families and those professionals who work with them.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Father, send out your Spirit

 that the whole of creation may be renewed

 in your wisdom.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 25th February 2025**

**Seventh Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: My friends,

Jesus has taught us to be servants of one another.

1. That Pope Francis’ health will improve for the good of the Church.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. That in the leadership of the Church there may be no competition

or the seeking of power or privilege,

for all have been called to serve after the example of Jesus.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. That we may welcome children to our parish

with the kindness of Jesus, learn from them,

and protect them from all harm.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. That in all that we do, we may be sincere of heart and steadfast,

clinging to the Lord, full of trust and hope.

Let us pray to the Lord.

4 That when disaster comes our way we will receive the grace to be

 sincere of heart and steadfast in faith.

Let us pray to the Lord.

5 May God work in people so that they can find a way to end the wars in the Holy Land and Ukraine.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Eternal God, hear our prayers,

and with great love grant them.

 Through Christ our Lord.

#### **The Universal Prayer**

#### **Wednesday 26th February 2025**

**Wednesday 7th Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, the gift of wisdom

 which comes from the Holy Spirit,

 is to be honoured by all who seek to live a good life.

Archdiocese of Adelaide only

1. May our Archbishop Patrick be filled with the Holy Spirit

as he celebrates the 10th anniversary of his Ordination as a Bishop

in Sale.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Archdiocese of Adelaide only

1. May all who work in collaboration with Archbishop Patrick –

priests and deacons, religious and lay faithful – do so in the Hope of Jesus which never fails.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May we live each day as a gift from the Lord,

but also in the spirit that it may be our last,

so that we are always ready to meet the Lord.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May we rejoice wherever we see God’s grace at work

and not try to restrict his power and presence to our own Church alone.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May the cries of the people of the Holy Land, Ukraine and Russia reach the heavens so that God’s grace will lead those involved in the war to put down their arms and dialogue for peace.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May the people of South Sudan receive all the help they need to ease the burden of famine which holds them in its grip.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, have mercy upon us

 and help us to grow in the image of Jesus Christ,

 who is lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 27th February 2025**

**St Gregory of Narek**

**Thursday 7th Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

 Jesus has pointed out that there are many simple ways

 In which we can serve him through care of the needy.

1. For the health and well-being of Pope Francis

that with patience and hope he will grow closer to Jesus.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Australia only

2a For those gathering for the National Deacons Conference in the Adelaide Hills today, that they will be filled with hope, and be instruments of hope to those they serve.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

1. For an understanding of the importance of simple things in life which connect us to Christ and one another, like offering a glass of water to another person.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. For those who have been an obstacle to God’s little one’s

and abused them verbally, mentally, spiritually, physically or sexually, that they will repent, do penance and implore the mercy of God.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. For the suffering people of Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Israel, Sudan, Ukraine and Russia and all who are living in difficult situations and for those lost and desperate in refugee camps.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. For the people of Armenia who honour St Gregory of Narak, that reflecting upon his *Book of Prayers* they will deepen

their union with Jesus through prayer.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Lord our God, steer us away from the company of sinners,

 and strengthen our ties within this community of faith.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Friday 28th February 2025**

**Friday 7th Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: My sisters and brothers, the word of God has spoken of the gifts of friendship and marriage.

Australia only

1a May the deacons participating in the National Deacons Conference

 in the Adelaide Hills find great support from their wives and

 families and the communities they are called to serve.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May our friends be treasured as beyond price,

` and may we be loyal to them.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May priests and religious, committed to celibacy, develop

healthy friendships, so that their relationships with those they serve

are always respectful, courteous and helpful.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May we become a gentler Church, a more merciful Church,

a more humble Church, a more truthful Church, a more co-operative Church.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May the bond of marriage be strengthen in all families in our

parish.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May those who are married and experiencing the terror of war

across the Holy Land and Ukraine and fearful for their children

be sustained by God’s grace.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Lord God, we commit our lives to you in every Eucharist, and we place our trust in your care of all people, knowing that your justice and mercy will triumph.

Through Christ our Lord.

#### **The Universal Prayer**

#### **Saturday 1st March 2025**

(St David)

**Saturday 7th Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Dear friends, Jesus’ tender love for children

 and their importance to the community

 is a great gift for our time.

Australia only

1a That the National Deacons Conference in Australia bring many

blessings to local Churches so that their ministry of preaching and charity will be valued and promoted.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. That the Church in every place, repenting of past sins and neglect,

will be resolved always and everywhere to protect children.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. That every child will feel the warmth and protection

of Christ’s embrace.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. That we will recognize the dignity of ourselves and all other people as made in the image and likeness of God.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. That on this Baby Sleep Day we will hold in prayer infants whose health is compromised by a lack of sleep and that families and the medical and allied health professionals will be able to help them.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. That the priests and people of Tea Tree Gully Parish, along with the citizens of Wales, will rejoice in the feast of their patron, St David, and live worthily in the service of others.

Let us pray to the Lord

6, That as we mark today the anniversary of the excommunication of St Mary MacKillop in 1871, we pray for all who struggle with the Church that they may receive her spirit of tranquility.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Father and King, attend to the sound of our voices

 and have pity upon us. Through Christ our Lord.