**The Universal Prayer**

**Sunday 29th June 2025**

**Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, apostles**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

 we celebrate with joy this Solemnity of the Apostles, Peter and Paul who lived for Jesus, preached his Gospel and

 courageously gave their lives in faithfulness to him.

1. For Pope Leo, 267th successor of St Peter, missionary after the example of St Paul, that he will be blest in his ministry of unity and charity,

encouraging us all to be a missionary Church..

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Adelaide Archdiocese**

1. For those placed under the patronage of Saints Peter and Paul: the Gawler Parish; under the patronage of St Peter: those who make their living by fishing and the Normanville Community; under the patronage of St Paul: Malta, Greece, Mt Gambier Parish, St Paul’s College at Gilles Plains and the lay apostolate, that they will be people of courage.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Outside the Archdiocese of Adelaide**

2 For those who make their living through fishing, placed under the

patronage of St Peter; and those who look to St Paul as patron: Malta and Greece, and all engaged in the lay apostolate, that they will be people of courage.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For those who are persecuted for their faith at this time, that they will have the strength to remained faithful, like Peter and Paul, trusting in God’s care, full of hope, remembering especially Christians in Nigeria and Syria facing renewed difficulties.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For the terrible situation in the Middle East in Palestine, Iran and Israel,

that the efforts for diplomacy, dialogue and cooperation will lead to a

true and lasting peace, and that Ukraine and Russia will be reconciled.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For all who are fearful at this time, that knowing that Hope never fails,

we will share this Jubilee of Hope, supporting and encouraging each other.

 Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For…

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For all who have died in present wars across the world, remembering the 200 killed in a Catholic Church in Nigeria and the 20 in a Greek Orthodox Church in Syria, along with … (**Adelaide** – and Archbishop Andrew Killian, former Archbishop of Adelaide, who died in 1939.)

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: God our Father,

 you built your Church on the Rock of Peter,

 and extended it to the nations through the preaching of Paul,

 give to us a firm faith and a missionary spirit

 so that you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit

 may be known and worshipped,

 forever and ever.

 **Amen,**

**The Universal Prayer**

**Monday 30th June 2025**

**First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**

**13th Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Jesus calls us to follow him.

 His way is one of justice, love and peace.

1. May all who are baptised into Christ,

follow him with a strong and determined faith

which reveals itself in good works.

Lord, hear us.

2. May the Church and our governments

never forget their responsibility

to alleviate the sufferings of the poor.

Lord, hear us.

3. May we remember all of God’s blessings throughout our lives,

and never take God’s presence and love for granted.

Lord, hear us.

4. May no city ever be destroyed again as was Sodom,

but may dialogue and negotiations remove war

from the face of the earth.

Lord, hear us.

5. May the First Martyrs of the Holy Church of Rome intercede for all

 who are persecuted for their Christian faith today across the world.

 Lord, hear us.

6. May this World Social Media Day help us to recommit ourselves to

 a responsible and respectful use of this means of communication.

 Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Father,

 you are kind and merciful,

 the source of healing and redemption.

 May we offer you our thanks

 through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 1st July 2025**

**13th Week in Ordinary Time**

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

 a sign that he can also calm the storms

 in our hearts and lives.

1. We pray for those who face danger on the seas, especially when

confronted by piracy attacks or desperately escaping war and seeking freedom, that Christ may protect them.

Lord, hear us.

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.

3. We pray for people whose cities and villages have been destroyed in war and through natural disasters, that the help they receive from other nations and communities may quickly restore their hope.

 Lord, hear us..

4 We pray for a sense of confidence in the future of the Church, especially

among young adults that by moving forward with Christ in hope.

Lord, hear us.

5. We pray without ceasing for peace in Palestine, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, Russia, Myanmar, Haiti and other nations, that sincere diplomacy and cooperation among all nations will achieve the fruit of peace.

 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.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Wednesday 2nd July 2025**

**Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: We struggle to understand parts of the story of God’s people, especially where holy people seem to act without justice or mercy. But God’s protection of Hagar and Ishmael reassures us of God’s love for all.

1. May the Church never neglect the works of justice,

but be a community of integrity and service,

not passing judgment, but respecting everyone’s dignity.

Lord, hear us.

1. May the sacrifice which we offer here at the altar

reflect the sincerity of our faith and the purity of our hearts.

Lord, hear us.

1. May we all seek good and not evil, so that we can live and maintain justice

in all our relationships and dealings with others.

Lord, hear us.

1. May we be conscious of the presence of Satan’s evil in the world, and stand with Christ as we pray and work for all that is good and noble and holy.

Lord, hear us.

1. May nations of the world be intent on dialogue, cooperation and diplomacy in order to bring an end to the wars and violence which

are destroying people in many places.

Celebrant: Lord God, let justice flow like water,

 and integrity like an unfailing stream.

 Through Christ our Lord

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 3rd July 2025**

**Saint Thomas, apostle**

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 are finding it difficult to believe.

Lord, hear us.

2. May all who believe without seeing

be greatly blessed by the Lord this day.

Lord, hear us.

3. May the Church, built upon the foundation of the apostles and with Jesus as the cornerstone, be a united family in which the Spirit lives.

Lord, hear us.

4. May the Christians of India, who call themselves the ‘St Thomas’ Christians’, the members of the Syro Malabar, Syro Malankara and Latin Rites of the Church in our Archdiocese along with the students and staff of St Thomas’ School at Goodwood, grow in faith and radiate hope to others.

Lord, hear us.

5 May the people of the Holy Land, where St Thomas first heard the call to

follow Jesus, be delivered from war, put aside all hatred and pursue peace with determination.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Father and King, may all nations praise you

 for your love is strong and your faithfulness is for ever.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Friday 4th July 2025**

**St Elizabeth of Portugal**

**13th Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

 as we prepare now to offer this Sacrifice of Christ,

 we pray that our hearts may be full of mercy.

1. That our prayer may always be sincere,

our lives rich with mercy, our love all embracing.

Lord, hear us..

1. That those who are sick in spirit, or find their hearts heavy with sin,

disappointment, fear or grief, may experience the healing touch of Jesus Christ.

Lord, hear us.

1. That those who mourn the death of their mother may find comfort in the

love and unity of their families as did Isaac so long ago at the death of his mother Sarah.

Lord, hear us.

1. That the love shared between married couples may be as strong and

comforting as was the love between Isaac and Rebecca.

Lord, hear us.

1. That parents in the Holy Land, traumatized by the war, and children

there who grieve the death of their mothers, will find comfort and courage in their faith and from those around them.

Lord, hear us.

1. That St Elizabeth of Portugal will be an inspiration of kindness for

women who struggle because of the infidelity of their husbands, and win for them the grace to work for justice in their families

 Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord our God, we give thanks to you for all your blessings

 and for the comfort you grace us with in times of grief.

 Through Christ our Lord.

#### **The Universal Prayer**

#### **Saturday 5th July 2025**

**St Anthony Zaccaria**

**13th Week on Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Dear friends, as the Church, the people of God,

we have been made the bride of Christ,

bound to him in pure love.

1 May Christians value their union as the Bride of Christ so that love for him

 will be firm, and love for each other, sincere.

Lord, hear us.

2 May God continue to bring his grace upon human actions, so that where

there is deception and cheating, God will enable justice and truth to prevail.

 Lord, hear us.

3. May parents bless their children, so that from one generation to the next,

faith, truth and trust are shared.

Lord, hear us.

4 May we hold in prayer the suffering people of Palestine, the fearful

people of Israel and Iran, the discouraged people of Ukraine and Russia, the hungry people of Sudan, and the traumatized peoples of Myanmar and Haiti.

Lord, hear us.

5 May the devotion of St Anthony Zaccaria to the Eucharist, and care of

Catholics confused by the Reformation, encourage us to invite Catholics, who struggle with the Church in our own time, to rediscover the community celebration of the Eucharist.

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.