**Universal Prayer**

**Sunday 6th July 2025**

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, St Paul’s desire that peace and mercy be with us who follow Jesus, is our prayer

 also for the peoples of our world.

1. May Pope Leo’s appeal that hunger not be made a weapon of war be heard across many nations in the Middle East, Africa and Asia, suffering because of this policy.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Australia Only**

1. May Australia’s National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday generate great hope among their youth as we all embrace it’s theme: The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. May our prayer for the people into whatever homes we enter this week, be one which was given by Jesus to the seventy-two: *Peace be to this house.*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. May protection be given to all who live in unhappy and violent homes, so that free from hate and distrust, all will grow to their full potential with hope.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. May peace flow like a river across the Holy Land, through Ukraine and Russia, in Nigeria and Myanmar, so that all wars end, people are secure in safety and a future of hope opens up for children and adolescents with renewed strength,

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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7 May all the victims of war rest in the Heart of Jesus,

as we also remember (**Adelaide –** Archbishop John O’Reilly, former Archbishop of Adelaide)…

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Eternal God, our eyes are fixed on you

 that we may experience your mercy

 now and always.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Universal Prayer**

**Monday 7th July 2025**

**Blessed Peter To Rot**

**Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Jesus’ compassion to the official, his wife and daughter is a sign of hope for families

 In the Jubilee of Hope.

1. May parents anxious about the health of a child turn to the Lord in prayer, seeking healing and peace.

Lord, hear us.

1. May children and infants who are sick, and women with chronic illnesses, especially in places of war and violence, turn to God with hope as did the parents of the sick girl and the woman who was ill.

Lord, hear us.

1. May the faith of Jacob, who made his journey relying on the protection of his God, encourage us to pray every time we set out on a journey by car, public transport, plane, ship or on foot.

Lord, hear us.

1. May the nation of Papua New Guinea, rejoicing in the approaching canonization of their Blessed Peter To Rot, husband, father, catechist and martyr, follow his example of faith and charity.

Lord, hear us.

1. May Australia’s NAIDOC Week, with its focus on the hopes of

the next generation, ensure that they are given every opportunity to flourish in their journey to maturity.

Lord, hear us.

1. May we, on this World Chocolate Day, enjoying such a gift of nature, be responsible and buy what is produced ethically, free of child labour and exploitation.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord, you are full of kindness and compassion.

 Bless us with these same gifts,

 so that we can be instruments of your love to others.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 8th July 2025**

**Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time.**

Celebrant: My friends, we respond to the request of the Lord

 and pray for labourers for the harvest.

1. That God will bless our Archdiocese and the Religious Orders who serve here with vocations to the priesthood and diaconate so that the Sacraments and preaching of the Gospel can continue to be celebrated.

Lord, hear us.

1. That the orders of consecrated women and men, whose ministries are diverse and enriching for the Archdiocese, may also be blessed with new vocations, during this Jubilee Year of Hope.

Lord, hear us.

1. That Christ’s faithful, through their baptism, will be his disciples in the world, giving witness through lives of justice and faith,

charity and hope.

Lord, hear us.

1. That faith will be strong among our next Catholic generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, so that with the flowering of faith they will hear the call to priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life and active discipleship in their communities.

Lord, hear us.

1. That those who, in their minds and hearts wrestle with God,

may find in the experience of Jacob, the peace to grow in faith

and commitment to Christ.

Lord, hear us.

1. That those wrestling with life and faith in Palestine, Israel, Syria, Ukraine, Russia, Nigeria and Sudan will find support through our prayers.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God, hear the cry of the poor,

and with your great justice

save them. Through Christ our Lord.

**Universal Prayer**

#### **Wednesday 9th July 2025**

**St Augustine Zhao Rong and companions**

**Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time.**

Celebrant: The apostles were sent to proclaim that

 the kingdom of heaven was close at hand.

 We in the Church, continue their mission.

1. May the Church be faithful to the mission of Jesus,

never abandon any member, but seek the unity of peace for all.

Lord, hear us.

1. May the call of the apostles to dedicate their lives to Jesus,

help each of us to value the call which we received from

the same Christ when we were baptised.

Lord, hear us.

3 May the wealthy nations of the world be like the patriarch Joseph,

and from their abundance of food, feed the world’s hungry and poor, because this is what justice demands.

Lord, hear us.

4 May brothers and sisters who have become estranged from each

other, learn from Joseph and his brothers, to be reconciled and enjoy each others’ company again.

Lord, hear us.

5 May the Catholics of China find in their holy and courageous martyrs,

St Augustine Zhao Rong and his companions, hope in following Jesus and giving witness to him and his gospel of mercy and peace.

Lord, hear us.

6 May today’s Australian Constitution Day, when six States were, by

Law, united as one nation, be a stepping stone to overcoming past injustices towards our Aboriginal and Torres Strait first peoples and unite us in heart as one people.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord God, let your mercy be upon us for we place all out trust in you. Through Christ our Lord.

**Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 10th July 2025**

**Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Jesus’ instructions to the apostles reminds us that we

 are to be apostles in the world of today

 giving witness to his Good News.

1. May there be among all Catholics a renewed sense of their own

Christian vocation, so that they can live their faith in the ordinary circumstances of their lives, with both commitment and joy.

Lord, hear us.

 3. May the Church, through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, and the prayer of the community, be an instrument of Christ’s healing today.

 Lord, hear us.

1. May families which have become separated through war, natural disasters and conflict of spirits be reunited as was the family of Joseph, so that there may be peace for every person.

Lord, hear us.

1. May Aboriginal and Torrens Strait Islander youth and young adults

grow in hope this year as it is dedicated to the Next Generation so that with strength, learning from the wisdom of their elders they will have a vision of new opportunities.

 Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord God,

 we constantly seek your face,

 that you may shed upon us your radiant light

 enabling us to walk in truth and integrity.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**Universal Prayer**

**Friday July 11th 2025**

**29th Anniversary of the Dedication of St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Archdiocese of Adelaide**

Celebrant: My friends, today we mark the 29th anniversary of

 the dedication of our Cathedral of St Francis Xavier.

1. That our Archbishop Patrick and the whole Archdiocese of

Adelaide may be richly blessed this day, and become living stones forming a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear us.

1. That the Archdiocese will prayerfully prepare next year’s Diocesan

Synod so that following in the spirit of synodality all will look to the future with hope.

Lord, hear us.

1. That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the

Archdiocese of Adelaide will have a voice, and from the richness

of their culture, history and spirituality teach us much.

Lord, hear us.

1. That as the Church honours St Benedict today, we pray for

the people of Freeling, along with the nations of Europe who hold him with reverence as one of its patrons.

Lord, hear us.

6 That Bishop Francis Murphy, our first bishop who began building

our Cathedral and Archbishop Leonard Faulkner who Dedicated it, rest in God’s peace.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God, you have formed us into a living Church.

May the Spirit of Jesus be alive in us all

for he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Universal Prayer**

**Friday July 11th 2025**

**St Benedict**

**Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Outside of Adelaide Archdiocese**

Celebrant: Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to his apostles

 so that in all circumstances they might remain

 faithful to him. We seek the Spirit’s guidance

 in our lives today.

1. That Christians who face persecution for their faith

may draw strength and courage from the Holy Spirit

who dwells in the heart of all who believe. Lord, hear us.

2. That those who have been betrayed by a member of their own family may receive the grace to forgive and be reconciled.

Lord, hear us.

3. That parents who grieve for a missing son or daughter may not give up hope as they long to be reunited, as was Jacob with his son Joseph. Lord, hear us.

4 That today’s World Population Day with its theme, “Empowering young people to create the families they want in a fair and hopeful world”, will see them contributing to a just and peaceful world,

intent on justice and fairness.

Lord, hear us.

5 That young people trapped in war, impoverishment, disadvantage

and famine will be lifted from those places of oppression and despair, and receive real hope for the future through the help of other young people. Lord, hear us

6 That St Benedict, co-patron of Europe, will intercede for those

nations so that truth and justice is in governments, charity and mercy in the people, and hope in all.

Lord, hear us.

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Celebrant: Lord our God, you love Justice and you never forsake those you love. Embrace our broken and fragile world and restore all humanity to your image. Through Christ our Lord.

#### **Universal Prayer**

#### **Saturday 12th July 2025**

**Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Dear friends, let us pray that in all the circumstances of our lives we may not be afraid,

but always trust in the Lord’s love.

1. May those who are worried in life, not despair,

but come to know the unconditional and universal love of God.

Lord, hear us.

1. May those who are held as hostages and prisoners in the Palestine-Gaza war, and prisoners in Russia and Ukraine be quickly released from their terrible situations.

Lord, hear us.

1. May governments who give their approval to the abuse and torture

of prisoners change their evil policies, and learn to treat everyone with respect.

Lord, hear us.

1. May we not be frightened of God, but trust him who has been revealed to us as a loving Father.

Lord, hear us.

5. May this NAIDOC Week in Australia bring the blessing of greater respect and harmony among all in this land with equal opportunities for the younger generations.

Celebrant: Lord, our hears seek you in peace,

 knowing that your judgements are always just and merciful.

 Give us unity as willed by your Son, Jesus,

 who is Lord, for ever and ever.