**The Universal Prayer**

**Sunday 13th July 2025**

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

 in each generation we seek to understand more fully

the question asked of Jesus and his answer, “Who is my neighbour?”

1. For Pope Leo, that he may be refreshed during his vacation

after two demanding months since his election.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

2 For each other, that we will have the courage to recognise that our neighbour is everyone in need, and so with deep justice and charity come to their aid in whatever way that is possible.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

3 For the work of the Apostleship of the Sea which, in our Australian

ports, offers hospitality, including pastoral, spiritual and crisis

support to the crews of ships who work in difficult conditions, far from their families for extended times.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

4 For those trapped in war in Palestine and in Ukraine,

 cruelly treated and denied their freedom, that nations

and people of goodwill will seek to bring them into peace and safety.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. For farmers in South Australia and many countries across Africa, in the Amazon region and the Middle East experiencing drought,

 that they will receive abundant rains for the welfare of the people and livestock.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

7. For those who have died at sea in the course of their work, the victims of drought, those who died in the London Underground suicide bombings 20 years ago, and the floods in Texas that they will feast at the heavenly banquet. We also remember…

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

Celebrant: Father, your Law,

 given to us through Jesus,

 directs us to a universal love

 which has a particular focus

 on those treated badly by others

 and all in need.

 Give us hearts of generosity

 to come to their aid.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Monday 14th July 2025**

**St Camillus de Lellis**

**15th Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: To follow Jesus Christ requires sacrifice,

 and so we turn to God in prayer

 that we may be blessed with wisdom and courage.

1. May families and communities divided because of Christ,

come to that healing whereby God restores peace and harmony.

Lord, hear us.

1. May each of us carry our cross with patience,

knowing that we are joined to Christ in his sacrifice.

Lord, hear us.

1. May all peoples cease to do evil, learn to do good and

search for justice as we pray for all trapped in the nightmare

of war, oppression and hunger.

Lord, hear us.

1. May we learn that God’s grace is powerfully active

in the most simple acts of kindness,

even by offering a glass of water to one in need.

 Lord, hear us.

1. May St Camillus de Lellis be a powerful example of care for those placed under his protection: nurses, hospitals and their staffs; and may he who overcame addiction to gambling help those in the same situation today.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord, in all our prayer may there be a spirit of thanksgiving for all your good gifts which come to us.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 15th July 2025**

**St Bonaventure**

**15th Week in Ordinary Time.**

Celebrant: My friends,

the saving of the infant Moses out of the river

is a sign of the grace of baptism.

1. That all who are baptised into Christ

may be leaders in faith, living a life of service to others.

Lord, hear us.

1. That parents whose children are under threat because of repressive or cruel governments, may have the wisdom of Moses’ mother and protect them with courage.

Lord, hear us.

1. That the babies and infants, victim of the wars in the Holy Land and Ukraine, through religious persecution in Nigeria and the repression of the people of Myanmar, be given the chance to survive, live and flourish.

Lord, hear us

1. That St Bonaventure, who served at the Second Council of Lyons in the 13th century, help us to be faithful to the spirit and teachings of the Second Vatican Council.

Lord, hear us.

5 That our youth and young adults will receive the help which leads to

employment as we mark this Youth Skills Day.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God, Jerusalem is the city of your joy.

Look upon her with love, heal her wounds,

and reconcile her peoples.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Wednesday 16th July 2025**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

**15th Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Jesus has promised to reveal himself, not to the clever, but to those who are humble.

1. May we be humble before the Lord

so that we may be able to receive the wisdom of the Spirit.

Lord, hear us.

1. May Moses’ experience of the presence of God in the burning bush

fill us with awe and wonder at the presence of God in people and in the beauty of creation.

Lord, hear us.

1. May all who honour Our Lady of Mt Carmel as patron:

the parishioners of Pennington, the students and staff of Mt Carmel College, along with those at Whitefriars School at Woodville Park, the people of Mannum, the Carmelite Sisters and the nations of Chile and Bolivia, that they may grow in their Christian faith.

 Lord, hear us.

1. May families and individuals deeply affected by unemployment, poverty and homelessness receive our respect, concern and support.

Lord, hear us.

1. May every effort to end the war between the Palestine and Israel

be grounded in respect and justice, free from all exploitation,

accompanied with the release of hostages and prisoners.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord God, do not abandon your people

 but give us hope in all the circumstances of our lives.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 17th July 20125**

**15th Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: It is from the gentle and loving Heart of Jesus

 that we learn how to live life to the full.

1. We pray for a deep love for the Heart of Jesus

 the source of mercy and peace for all humanity.

 Lord, hear us.

1. We pray for those who are over burdened with the worries of life that through faith they may find courage and hope.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray for a deep respect for the name of God revealed to Moses,

a respect so profound that we dare not say it with our lips,

but hold it as a priceless treasure in our hearts.

Lord, hear us.

4. We pray for the youth of all faiths, that they may be a bridge to mutual respect, co-operation and understanding around the world.

Lord, hear us.

5 We pray for all who live in the Holy Land, that as believing people

of Jewish, Islam and Christian faiths, God will be worshipped, and

his law of love overcome the present violence and cruelty.

 Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord our God, do not despise the prayers of those who feel helpless, but in your compassion restore their hope and help them to walk in your light.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Friday 18th July 2025**

**15th Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

the first reading is a preparation for the gift of the Eucharist, the meal of the New Covenant in which Jesus is the Lamb of God.

1. That we may value the Eucharist as the Memorial of the sacrifice

of Jesus whose Blood has redeemed the word.

Lord, hear us.

1. That the people of Jewish faith who continue to celebrate the

Passover may draw close to the God who saves.

 Lord, hear us.

1. That we will keep sacred the Lord’s Day marking it with

thanksgiving through the Eucharist, prayer and works of charity.

Lord, hear us.

4. That as the Sabbath was originally a day to give thanks to God for the gift of creation, we will work together to preserve and enhance our planet, our common home.

Lord, hear us.

5 That this Nelson Mandella Day, honouring a man who helped end the policy of apartheid in South Africa, inspire the people of the Holy Land to work for the equality of all Palestinian and Jewish people and so come to lasting peace.

 Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord our God,

 when we feel that life has become too difficult,

 help us to trust in your Name, knowing that you

 are our Creator.

 Through Christ our Lord.

#### **The Universal Prayer**

**Saturday 19th July 2025**

**15th Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

 Jesus lived as God’s Suffering Servant

and with compassion reached out with healing for those suffering illness.

1. We pray for Pope Leo as his short holidays draws to a close, that he may be refreshed for his ministry of unity and charity.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray for those who are in refugee camps because of war and violence, that like the children of Israel, they may be able to return to their own land and rebuild their communities.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray for small business struggling at this time that

they may be able to survive and not have to retrench staff.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray for the sick of our parish and families, that the healing of

Jesus may give them peace and hope.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray for every country where people are exhausted through war and violence, that God will raise up leaders, women and men, energetic in the cause of peace.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord our God, we thirst for you and long to see your glory. We bless you for all your gifts and raise our hands in praise.

 Through Christ our Lord.