The Universal Prayer

Sunday 27th July 2025

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

 we share the joy of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly with its theme, *blessed are those who have not lost hope,*

taken from the Book of Wisdom.

1. That Pope Leo’s message in this Jubilee Year of Hope will

encourage grandparents and the elderly to find joy in hope,

and by their wisdom enrich the young with hope.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That as Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, may grandparents and the elderly show the path of prayer to succeeding generations so that we all recognise God as our Father.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That the elderly who are traumatised, injured, sick and grieving in the midst of wars across the Holy Land, in Syria and Afghanistan, Ukraine and Russia, in Nigeria and Myanmar will be sustained in hope by the support of other nations.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Australia only**

1. That as our 48th Federal Parliament has now begun, may all parties work together to enhance the wellbeing of our senior citizens so that elder abuse in eliminated, health, residential and home care is improved, and treated with respect and professionalism.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That the elderly in our parishes and neighbourhoods who are neglected, living in poverty, with chronic illness and burdened with loneliness will be our concern and we reach out with kindness, support and friendship.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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1. That our departed grandparents and the elderly of our parish, along with those who have died in the tragedy of war and natural disasters, will have their hopes fulfilled in the Kingdom of Heaven.

We remember

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord, we give you thanks

 for the gift of our grandparents,

 and the elderly women and men

of our Church and society,

that their courage, wisdom and devotion

will grace us all with unity.

Through Christ our Lord.

The Universal Prayer

Monday 28th July 2025

**17th Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Nourished on God’s word

 we pray that the kingdom of God

 may grow in the hearts of people everywhere.

1. May the Jubilee of Digital Missionaries and Catholic Influencers

taking place in Rome today and tomorrow will guide them to use these modern ways of communication to generate hope in people’s lives.

Lord, hear us.

1. May the Church, a living sign of God’s kingdom,

be a community which welcomes new members,

as well as those curious about faith.

Lord, hear us.

1. May the Spirit of Jesus permeate the whole Church

so that it becomes known as a community of genuine love.

Lord, hear us.

1. May we hold in prayer the peoples of the Holy Land, Ukraine and Russia,

ceasefires will be achieved, hostages and prisoners released, and humanitarian and medical services flow freely.

Lord, hear us.

1. May this World Hepatitis Day mobilise governments and communities to take action in support of the elimination of viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030.

 Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord, protect us from foolish ways

 and help us to respond to the call and teachings of

Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns, forever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 29th July 2025**

**Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus**

**17th Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: As we celebrate the Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus

 we pray for sisters and brothers in every family.

1. That the Jubilee of Youth beginning today in Rome will strengthen with hope the bond between sisters and brothers, as we honour the siblings, Martha, Mary and Lazarus, close friends of Jesus.

Lord, hear us.

1. That each of us will pray for our siblings today so that love will generate respect and unity, differences be resolved, and mutual help strengthen hope.

Lord, hear us.

1. That those who honour St Martha as patron: waiters, waitresses and hotel staffs, may take pride in their work of hospitality

and find companionship with their fellow workers.

Lord, hear us.

1. That violence and distress which are sapping the energies and hopes of the people of the land of Martha, Mary and Lazarus will give way to a just peace, reunion of separated family, release of hostages and prisoners

and healing for the sick and injured.

 Lord, hear us.

1. That the departed sisters and brothers of our families will be welcomed by Jesus to share the heavenly banquet in joy and with praise.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant Almighty God, you offer us the hospitality of the table of your Son. With the example of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, may we show hospitality to others, and see in every guest a presence of Jesus, who is Lord, forever and ever.

#### **The Universal Prayer**

#### **Wednesday 30th July 2025**

**St Peter Chrysologus**

Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Moses was transformed by seeing God face to face.

We too, when we see the glory of God, will be transformed in the joy of heaven.

1. May the Jubilee of Youth beginning today in Rome, with a focus on cultural, artistic and spiritual activities, will energize faith, strengthen hope and cause charity to flourish.

Lord, hear us.

1. May today’s International Day of Friendship with its theme, “sharing the human spirit with friendship”, coinciding with the Jubilee for Youth,

help all to appreciate the transforming power of friendship.

Lord, hear us.

1. May we, as we await the glory of God, see him among us in

the lives of those who love us, and on the faces of the poor and needy.

 Lord, hear us.

1. May the glory of God, which once shone on the face of Moses,

shine now in the words, actions and thoughts of all people of faith.

Lord, hear us

1. May this International Day Against Trafficking in Persons alert us to this danger in places of war, as we pray for young people and children at risk

in Gaza, the Occupied West Bank, and those stolen from Ukraine.

 Lord, hear us.

1. May the example of St Peter Chrysologus in the 5th century, in preaching clear, simple and gospel-centred homilies, be an example for bishops. priests and deacons in the Church today.

Lord, hear us

Celebrant: Lord God, you are holy. Your priests of old, Aaron and Moses

along with Samuel, called on your Name. We too, bless your Name

 and seek your protection.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 31st July 2023**

**St Ignatius of Loyola**

Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

just as the glory of God filled the Tent of Meeting

long ago, so the glory of God is present with us

as we celebrate the Eucharist of Jesus Christ.

1. We pray for the Youth gathering in Rome for their Jubilee of Hope

along with those unable to make the journey, that they may be united in spirit as they strive to live in a spirit of hope.

 Lord, hear us.

1. We pray that the Jesuits in South Australia and their parishioners in the Norwood and Sevenhill parishes, the students and staff of St Ignatius College at Norwood and Athelstone will live their lives for the greater glory of God.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray that the pilgrimage which St Ignatius made to Jerusalem and Bethlehem in order to know Jesus better, may echo in the hearts of the Christians of the Holy Land today, so that they, by prayer, will grow in hope, seek reconciliation, and abound in charity.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray that the prayers of St Justin De Jacobis, missionary to Ethiopia and martyr for Christ, will help the distressed people of that land, enduring the effects of recent wars and drought.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray that the rich traditions of the Church may be treasured,

and combined with new insights into the scriptures and our understanding of human nature, old and new will be one, held in harmony.

 Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God, come to our help,

forgive us our sins, and rescue us from all danger,

for we are your people.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Friday 1st August 2025**

**St Alphonsus Liguori**

**Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

people who knew Jesus and his family

were amazed at his wisdom and power,

but found it difficult to accept him.

1. May the Jubilee of Youth, with its focus today on the Passion of Jesus,

His mercy and reconciliation, bring them all the grace of a sincere

conversion to Jesus’ way.

Lord, hear us.

1. May St Alphonsus Liguori be a guide for the people of Millicent Parish and all moral theologians, so that in the difficulties of life, his example of endurance in many trials and his trust in God will sustain them.

Lord, hear us.

1. May we may not judge by appearances, but rather, with the gift of

wisdom, recognize the uniqueness of every individual.

 Lord, hear us.

1. May those who are against members of their own family or neighbours,

not be like the people of Nazareth in rejecting Jesus, but rather come to accept, respect and honour each other.

 Lord, hear us.

1. May the reverence with which Moses and the Hebrew people worshipped God and celebrated the religious festivals, teach us how to celebrate the Eucharist and the Liturgical Year with reverence and joy.

Lord, hear us.

1. May peace give hope to the peoples of Palestine and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, Nigeria and Sudan, Myanmar and Syria.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord our God, be with all who are discouraged in life,

 and let them know the power of your love so that they can be freed from all anxiety.

Through Christ our Lord

#### **The Universal Prayer**

#### **Saturday 2nd August 2025**

**St Peter Julian Eymard | St Eusebius of Vercelli**

Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: The origin of the Jubilee year is proclaimed to Moses

 in our first reading today, always a year of hope and new beginnings.

1. May Pope Leo, participating in a Vigil tonight with the youth assembled for the Jubilee of Hope in Rome, pray with them, encourage them, lead them closer to Jesus.

Lord, hear us.

1. May the gift of Jubilee Years, given by God to Moses and the people,

be a source of encouragement, conversion and hope every year the Church celebrates one.

Lord, hear us.

1. May the devotion which St Peter Julian Eymard had towards Jesus in the Eucharist lead us to reverence this Sacrifice and Sacrament as core to our faith as Catholics.

Lord, hear us.

1. May St Eusebius, who for his faith in Jesus was imprisoned in the Holy Land, intercede for those imprisoned and held hostage in that land today,

so that they may be reunited with their families and live under God’s protection.

Lord, hear us.

1. May all who have asked for our prayers or have a right to them,

experience his love, protection and grace.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Father and King, be gracious and bless us,

let your face shed its light upon us,

and bring us peace.

Through Christ our Lord.