

**General intercessions**  
*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*

**Celebrant:** As brothers and sisters in faith we gather our prayers and petitions and offer them to our loving Father.

**Reader**

For Christian Unity: that God will heal the wounds and misunderstandings of the past and lead all the baptized to offer a more united witness to the Gospel:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That our world's leaders may carry out their duties with justice and maintain peace among nations, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine:

*Lord, hear us ...*

For greater authenticity in our lives: that in our everyday words and deeds we may show the values and virtues of Christian discipleship:

*Lord, hear us ...*

For all who have experienced persecution for their faith: that God will give them the strength to remain faithful and protect them from further harm:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That the sick and the suffering may know peace of mind and an ease to their anguish:

*Lord, hear us ...*

For those who have died, that they may enjoy the peace of the kingdom and the fullness of life in God's presence:

*Lord, hear us ...*

**Celebrant:**

Let us seek the prayers of Our Lady, Help of Christians, *Hail, Mary...*

Father, send your spirit upon us and strengthen our faith. As you answer our prayers, grant that we may grow in your grace. Through Christ our Lord.