

**General intercessions**  
Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Celebrant:** Jesus prayed for his disciples and for their unity. Let us now pray:

**Reader:**

That we, the Church, may continue to be a sign and source of the unity of the human family:

*Lord, hear us ...*

For our government leaders: that they may recognise their responsibilities to serve and to give good example,

*Lord, hear us ...*

That we may prepare our young people for Christian living by helping them to recognize the blessings which they have received,

*Lord, hear us ...*

That Christ's victory over death may bring hope and a new beginning to all who suffer the consequences of war and violence, especially in Gaza and Ukraine:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That those who are sick or suffering may experience our care and the comfort of God's loving presence:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That all who have died may be welcomed into the eternal joy of the Lord:

*Lord, hear us ...*

**Celebrant:**

Let us seek the prayers of the Immaculate Heart of Mary: *Hail Mary...*

Father, as you answer our prayers, grant that we may steadfastly proclaim and eagerly prepare for the return of your son. Through Christ our Lord.