

UNIVERSAL PRAYER – 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CELEBRANT: Let us make our petitions to the Father, whose help is near for those who fear Him.

1. Let us pray for Pope Francis; may he make a rapid and complete recovery after his recent surgery and may he be strengthened by the prayers of us all. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
2. Let us pray for world governments; may the present pandemic unite them in their efforts to provide vaccines for all peoples, whilst setting aside the disagreements which divide nations and which bring suffering to so many of our brothers and sisters. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
3. On this Sea Sunday, let us pray for all seafarers; may the Lord bless them with His grace and presence, especially in times of danger and in the loneliness of separation from their homelands and families. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
4. Let us pray, too, for the success of the work done by the Apostleship of the Sea; through our generosity today, may the seafarers receive the practical and spiritual support they need to sustain them in their vital, but lonely, way of life. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
5. Let us pray for the children receiving their first Holy Communion this weekend; despite the delays and uncertainties of the past, may this day be a day of joy and gratitude for the children and for their families. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
6. Let us pray for our parish community; may we ask the Lord to remove the clutter from our daily lives so that we may go forward on our missionary journey in simplicity and freedom. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer

Let us ask the help of Mary, Star of the Sea: Hail Mary . . .

Let us offer to the Lord our own petitions for those in special need of His healing grace today.

CELEBRANT: Creator God and Father, who has chosen us in Christ to be His adopted sons and daughters, listen to our prayers and help us to live through love in Christ's presence. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.