

## **UNIVERSAL PRAYER – 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**CELEBRANT:** Let us confidently ask the Father to help us, for He is close to all who call on Him from their hearts.

1. For Bishop Mark and for all the priests of our diocese, that, through the power entrusted to them at their ordination, they may continue to feed us with Christ, the Bread of Life, and lead us to constantly thank God for this great gift. (Pause)  
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
  
2. For the government, that, despite the many uncertainties which beset our world, the Lord will give them the wisdom they need in their decision-making and the clarity to transmit their decisions in a way to be understood by all.  
(Pause)  
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
  
3. For grandparents and the elderly, that their wisdom, knowledge and experience will be welcomed and respected by their young relatives and friends, so that all may learn from each other. (Pause)  
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
  
4. For the schoolchildren beginning their summer holidays, that they may enjoy time with family and friends, and that the Lord will keep them safe in all their adventures. (Pause)  
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
  
5. For all who are suffering in the extremes of climate, both here and all over the world, that help will be rapidly given to those in need and that the lessons learned will lead to renewed efforts to counter the effects of global warming.  
(Pause)  
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
  
6. For all our parishioners, that the love of God which we experience in the celebration of the Eucharist here in St. Clare's may be carried out into the streets and homes beyond the church doors, that we might share that love with everyone we meet. (Pause)  
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer

May Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, intercede for us with the Father: Hail Mary . . .

Let us make our own petitions for those we know to be in need of God's saving help and healing. (Long pause)

**CELEBRANT:** Father Almighty, listen to our prayers and help us to be channels of Christ's love to all Your children. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.