

UNIVERSAL PRAYER – 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CELEBRANT: In the Father, justice and mercy meet. Filled with this belief, let us make known to Him our needs and the needs of all His children.

1. For Preachers, Scripture scholars and Readers who proclaim God's message, that His Spirit of Wisdom will guide their thoughts and words, and so help us all to come to know the Lord. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
2. For world governments, that they may listen to the cries of the Afghan refugees and act generously and promptly to provide them with safe homes and a welcoming hand. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
3. For all the people of Afghanistan, that their new government will honour the promises they have made and enable their citizens to live lives filled with hope, not fear. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
4. For the victims of recent fires, floods and storms, that they may be helped to make new beginnings and that their plight will force authorities to acknowledge the reality and the consequences of our changing climate. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
5. For those who bear the loss and the frustration arising from their deafness, that the recognition of the isolation it causes will lead us all to be people of patience and compassion. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
6. For our parish community, that, just as Christ opened the ears and loosened the tongue of the deaf man, He may open our ears to receive His message of love and loosen our tongues to proclaim the Good News in all we say and do. (Pause)

May Mary, Comforter of the Afflicted, intercede for us with the Father: Hail Mary . . .

Let us make our own petitions to the Father who always listens. (Long pause)

CELEBRANT: God our Father, listen to our prayers and grant us your healing love, that we might have the courage and the strength to live each day in accordance with Your will. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.