

**General intercessions**  
*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*

**Celebrant:** When we cry for help, the Lord assures us that he is here. Let us therefore pray to him with confidence.

**Reader:**

That the Church may be a light in the world, proclaiming a salvation that is freely offered to all:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That Pope Leo and our Bishop, Ralph, may enjoy continued health and strength to lead us on the path of truth:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That God, who calls us to remove all injustice and oppression, will enable us assert the radical equality of all our brothers and sisters,

*Lord, hear us ...*

For an increase in vocations willing to serve the Church through the priesthood, diaconate or religious life:

*Lord, hear us ...*

For all those who are sick or suffering, that they may be surrounded and supported by the grace and protection of the Lord:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That all who have died may come to share eternal joy with Mary and all the saints:

*Lord, hear us ...*

**Celebrant:**

Let us seek the prayers of Our Lady of Lourdes: *Hail Mary...*

Father, as you answer our prayers, keep our minds and hearts centred on Your Son, who was crucified to save us and who is Lord forever and ever.