

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 16th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

PRIEST: Let us turn now to God our Heavenly Father. Let us not be afraid to ask for what we need today.

READER: Let us pray for the Ministers of the Church, may they hear and respond to what the Lord God is calling them to be, true shepherds of his people. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our young people. May they hear and respond to the call of the Lord to become true disciples of Jesus to live with and in him. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the gift of God's spirit in our hearts. May we have the will to work for unity, justice and peace. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for Missionaries who face opposition and indifference to God's message of life. May they be strengthened in their faith and courage. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who are suffering from depression and despair, May they be granted the peace only Christ can give. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are suffering through the uncertainties and injustices of current political trends, may those who are responsible be inspired to put people before profit. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who bear the Cross of ill-health and long term sickness. May they be strengthened in their journey; encouraged by our prayers and support. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those suffering from the extreme climate conditions. Those who have lost lives, loved ones, homes and livelihood. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our prayer.**

Now let us pray for a few moments in silence for our own needs and intentions. Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us as we say: Hail Mary...

PRIEST: Almighty and ever-living God
we thank you for hearing and answering our prayers.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN