

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C

PRIEST: United in the faith we have proclaimed together, we now turn to the Lord with all our longings.

READER:We pray for the victims of the terrible heat wave and fires. May the homeless and destitute be helped in the most practical and compassionate way possible. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Christian men and women in every corner of the earth. In God's infinite love we have each been taught how to pray, may our communion bring us closer to each other and to the Lord. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer.**

We pray that our minds and hearts may be filled with all that is good, pure and noble and so help establish God's kingdom of love here on Earth. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer.**

We pray that we may learn how to better care for our planet, our common home. May we become more aware of our connection and responsibilities to and for all life. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who are working for understanding and tolerance in our multi-faith world. May we, members of this Catholic community, take the lead in building bridges of friendship and understanding with peoples of other faiths in our neighbourhood.
Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer

We pray for a safe, peaceful and enjoyable conclusion to the National Justice and Peace conference. May all involved be joined in the spirit and Unity of Faith. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer**

Let us pray for all who mourn that they may be comforted. We remember all who are sick, those in hospital and those who are housebound. We remember especially the sick of our own parish congregation and our own families wherever they may be. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer**

Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us: **Hail Mary...**

Now let us pray for a few moments in silence for our own needs and intentions.

PRIEST: Almighty and ever-living God
you have made us into the Body of Christ
and your church in this place.
As we share in this Eucharist together
may our hearts be filled with your strength.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN