



GENERAL PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Priest: On this Sea Sunday, as communities around the world continue to suffer from the pandemic and the reality of wars in many places, let us turn to God in prayer.

1. We pray for those on the perilous ocean that you will embrace them with protection and grant success in all rightful undertakings. Grant them grace with peace and hope in all hours of need.
Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer.**
2. We pray for all seafarers who are prepared to leave their friends and families to sail the seas in dangerous and lonely conditions, with threats of piracy and injustice. We pray for seafarers' families who wait at home for their safe return. Keep them true to each other and every time they have to part, bring them together in safety and love.
Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer.**
3. We pray for the work of our Stella Maris chaplains, ship visitors and volunteers around the world. Help each of them as they minister to seafarers, that they may always provide practical and spiritual support when needed.
Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer.**
4. We pray for those seafarers who are sick, in body, mind or spirit. For those seafarers in foreign hospitals or in prison, often by no fault of their own. Give them the light of hope and humility of heart to trust in you at all times.
Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer.**
5. We pray for those who have gone before us who now wait on another shore. We remember with love our families and friends who have helped us on our journey of faith but are no longer with us.
Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Priest: Heavenly Father, help us to be courageous in welcoming people of all cultural backgrounds and in sharing your love to those that are weary and carrying heavy burdens. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen