



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Life, Marriage and Family Sunday—Prayer of the faithful

Celebrant

My dear brothers and sisters, with renewed confidence we turn to the Father, the source of all good things, who out of the generosity of his heart has shown us the way to his kingdom by sending his Son Jesus as our guide.

Reader

For the Church, we pray that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit in our mission to build a culture of life and love in our world.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Holy Father, Pope Francis, we pray that through his words and example he may inspire and guide the Church, so that he and all those entrusted to his care may come to the joy of everlasting life.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all married couples, particularly those celebrating special anniversaries this year, we pray that their marriages and families may continue to be blessed. By their example, may they always reveal the beauty of Christian marriage and family to the world.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who suffer as a consequence of tension or breakdown in marriages, we pray that they may find peace and comfort in the infinite love of Christ.

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Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died, we pray that they may enjoy perfect happiness and fulfilment in eternal life.

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Lord God, you are the rock on which we stand. Listen to our prayer, teach us true Christian detachment from earthly possessions and inspire us with an awareness of the passing nature of the world so that we may live with our heart set on the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.