

**INTENTIONS FOR THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER
DURING THIS TIME OF COMMUNAL REPARATION AND PETITION**

Those who prepare the Universal Prayer or the Prayer of the Faithful may add one of the following each Sunday, and even daily. This petition can satisfy the first category, for the needs of the Church, or be an additional intention for this same category.

Deacon/cantor/lector:

For all those who lead and guide us in the Church,
that they may hand on the Word of God in what they say and do
and bring renewed confidence to the faithful they serve.

Let us pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer.

For a renewed courage on the part of all who lead others,
especially the Bishops and pastors of the Church,
that this will bring a new force in the Spirit to root out the sin and evil
which impede the works of the Gospel and Christian lives of virtue.

Let us pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer.

For an intense reparation before the Lord for all sins
of sexual abuse and sexual immorality,
especially by members of the clergy,
that this will lead to a profound purification of the Body of Christ
and the true freedom of the sons and daughters of God.

Let us pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer.

For freedom from the sins of deception and self-protection,
especially among those in positions of authority in the Church
that this will lead to a greater and visible integrity
among all the members of the Church

Let us pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer.

For a rediscovery of Christ's teaching on human sexuality,
among all generations of people,
that this will eradicate indifference to this saving message
and restore confidence in the truth of the Word of God.

Let us pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer.

For profound reparation for all forms of scandal and infidelity to the Lord,
on the part of every member of the Church,
that this will help to remove any obstacles for people to know a loving God
and aid those who sincerely seek the mercy and truth revealed by God.
Let us pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer.

For the healing of all victims of sexual abuse,
and for their families and friends as well,
that this will bring about a restoration of trust in the Lord
and ease painful memories and lead to peace of heart.
Let us pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer.

For the purging of the structures of the Church from all evil,
here at home and all throughout the world,
that this will bring about a greater witness to the Gospel tradition
and raise up the Church as a light to the world.
Let us pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer.

That all compromise, infidelity and lukewarmness
in our lives and those of our Bishops and priests
may be rooted out by the power of the Word of God
and the grace of the Sacraments
so to bring about a true renewal in all the members of the Church.
Let us pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer.

That a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit will set the Church aflame
with a radical holiness, fidelity and zeal for the Gospel
so that the kingdom of God will be newly manifest in the world
and that all darkness will be driven from the hearts of believers.
Let us pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer.