

# Prayers of Intercession

## 12<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time 2023

### Monday, 26 June

#### **Presider**

Dear friends, with God as our ultimate judge, let us pray that we will have the humility not to judge others as we bring our needs before God our Father.

#### **Reader**

For the Church, that it may truly become a sign to the world of God's forgiving love.  
*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

For those charged with upholding and implementing laws, that they will be granted the gift of wisdom and integrity so that the most vulnerable in our community are protected and cared for.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

For all whose lives are impacted by the rise in living costs, that they will find a positive way forward to ensure peace of mind for themselves and their families.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

For those who mourn the loss of loved ones, that they may be strengthened and healed of their sorrow and pain through the consolation offered by Christ.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

#### **Presider**

Almighty and merciful Father, look with kindness on your people and lead all to follow the Gospel with courage and humility. Through Christ our Lord.

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## 12<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time 2023

### Tuesday, 27 June

#### **Presider**

Dear friends, our Father in heaven knows our needs even before we ask. Let us pray that we will humbly accept God's will in all we do.

#### **Reader**

For Pope Francis and the leaders of our Church, that they will always seek to guide all people in the way that leads to eternal life.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

For all of us in this community, that we will make positive and life-giving choices that show respect, consideration and compassion to all whom we encounter daily in our lives.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

For those who support the homeless living in parks, on streets or under bridges, that they will be given the resources to enable them to bring food and comfort to all during these cold days and nights.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

For those who have died, especially those close to us, that they may share in the peace and happiness of God's Kingdom forever.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

#### **Presider**

Heavenly Father, you always give good things to those who ask. Be with us as we journey through the difficulties of life towards your heavenly Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord.

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### Wednesday, 28 June: St Irenaeus

#### **Presider**

Dear friends, the glory of God is the human being fully alive. Let us offer our prayers to the Father that we may be fully alive in the Spirit and faithful to the Gospel.

#### **Reader**

For the Church, that it may continue to be a sacrament of God's presence in a world searching for meaning and purpose.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

For all priests in our Archdiocese, that they will grow in the love of Christ and his Church and be true servants to the faithful to whom they minister.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

For rural parishes and those struggling with limited resources, that they will discover creative ways to build community and continue proclaiming the Gospel.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

For the sick and those who find the burdens of life difficult to bear, that they may experience God's special love and care through the compassion and concern of family, friends and Church.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

#### **Presider**

Heavenly Father, through the intercession of the great St Irenaeus, help us to be more like your son, Jesus, and fully alive in your Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord.

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### Thursday, 29 June: Sts Peter and Paul

#### **Presider**

In Saints Peter and Paul, we acknowledge the very foundations upon which our Church and our faith are built. With confidence, then, let us offer our prayers and petitions to God our heavenly Father.

#### **Reader**

For Pope Francis, the successor of St Peter, that he may receive the strength to bear the keys of the kingdom with wisdom and love.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

For all in the world whose faithfulness to the Gospel puts them in danger, that the apostolic witness of Saints Peter and Paul will give them courage to stand firm.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

For Deacons Isaac, Minje (*pronounced 'min-jay'*) and Gerard who will be ordained to the priesthood here in this Cathedral this evening, that with the help of God, they will be faithful to their calling to this most blessed vocation.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

For all lay and priestly missionaries across the world, that through their good works and with St Paul as their guide and example, they will boldly follow the Lord's command to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

For all lay ministers of the Word and Eucharist in our Cathedral community, that they will be granted the strength always to be faithful to their commitment to bring Christ to others.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

For all who have asked our prayers, that God will grant them peace, consolation and comfort.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

#### **Presider**

Almighty God and Father, through the intercession of St Peter and St Paul, receive the intentions we bring in the name of your risen Son, our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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### **Friday, 30 June**

#### **Presider**

Dear friends, like the leper in the Gospel who cried out for healing, we now approach our heavenly Father with confidence that our prayers will be answered.

#### **Reader**

For the Church, that it may never fail in its calling to welcome the marginalised and those whom society excludes.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

For those who are sick, particularly those with a terminal illness, that they will experience comfort through the kindness and support of caring medical professionals and loving family and friends.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

For the vulnerable in our community who have been the victims of injustice, abuse or neglect, that they may receive the healing they so deserve and learn again to develop trust and friendship.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

For family and friends who have passed away, that their faithfulness in life will be rewarded with heavenly riches.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

#### **Presider**

Heavenly Father, your gifts of healing and peace encourage us to do the same for others. Grant our prayers in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ who lives for ever and ever.

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## 12<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time 2023

### Saturday, 1 July

#### **Presider**

With faith as strong as that of the centurion in the Gospel, let us approach almighty God for the needs of the Church and of the world.

#### **Reader**

For the Church, that in every place on earth, it will always be a community of welcome and inclusion.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

For this society in which we live, that we all may learn to understand and accept those among us who differ in religious belief, cultural background or sexual preference.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

For the elderly who have contributed so much to our society throughout their long lives, that they will receive the support and care they so deserve in their remaining years.

*(Pause)* **We pray to the Lord.**

For those close to us who have passed away, that they will be welcomed into the embrace of God for all eternity.

*(Pause)* **Let us pray to the Lord.**

#### **Presider**

Father of all, your Son welcomed the faith of the centurion who came to him in humility and trust. Show us your favour as we make our prayers through Christ our Lord.