**The Universal Prayer**

**Sunday 26thJanuary 2025**

**Australia Day**

**(Australia only)**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

on this Austrralia Day we pray for the welfare of

all Australians and all who live in this

Southern Land of the Holy Spirit.

1. For Pope Francis, the Bishops of Australia and all who share the mission of the Church in this land – priests and deacons, consecrated women and men and all Christ’s faithful, that together we will be witnesses to Hope

in this Holy Year.

Let us pray to the Lord.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For the citizens of Australia along with all who live here,

that all will value our rich diversity, seek to build up harmony,

work to alleviate discrimination, poverty and disadvantage.

Let us pray to the Lord.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For the Indigenous people of Australia who carry a disproportionate

burden of poverty, chronic sickness, inadequate housing, and imprisonment, especially among the young, that working together,

their dignity will be respected, their culture honoured and their spirituality celebrated.

Let us pray to the Lord.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For Australia’s place in the world, that governments will give leadership in working for peace, fighting climate change, increasing humanitarian aid to places in great need, opposing racial and religious discrimination, and offering more care for refugees.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For all in the Holy Land, that the present ceasefire will become permanent, all hostages and those illegally imprisoned be released, humanitarian aid flow freely and the rebuilding of Gaza and the West Bank proceed quickly.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For all involved in the World of Communications celebrating the Jubilee of Hope in Rome this weekend, that through the various fields of the media all will act with integrity, be committed to truth, and bring hope

to people.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For those who have died, remembering our Indigenous people who died

after colonisation, through disadvantage and in prison, along with journalists and photographers will in the Holy Land and Ukrainian wars that their spirits will rest in God.

We also remember

Let us pray to the Lord.

 **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Eternal God

 who created the beauty of our land

 with its forests and plains, deserts and reefs,

 rivers and islands;

 look with love upon all who live here

 and let us see the beauty of your Christ

 present in each person

 so that the dignity of each person

 is honoured.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Sunday 26thJanuary 2025**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday of the Word of God**

**Outside of Australia**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

this weekend the Church celebrates the

Sunday of the Word of God through which we are nourished

for eternal life.

1. For Pope Francis in this Holy Year of Hope,

that we may draw from the richness of his teaching

on the Word of God and be sustained in faith,

animated with hope, and generous with love.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For each of us, that we may have a profound love for the Word of God,

read and listen to it with attention,

reflect upon it, and live its message

for the good of others.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For all baptised, made one as the Body of Christ,

that they may all be filled with the Spirit of the Lord,

and witness to the Good News by service to the poor

and so generate hope in all their relationships.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For all in the Holy Land, that the present ceasefire will become permanent, all hostages and those illegally imprisoned be released, humanitarian aid flow freely, the rebuilding of Gaza and the return of Palestinian property in the West Bank proceed quickly, and good government be established in Gaza..

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For every person suffering from war, political violence and instability,

religious persecution, natural disasters, sickness, poverty, domestic violence, that together we will lift them up to God in this Eucharist.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For all involved in the World of Communications celebrating the Jubilee of Hope in Rome this weekend, that through the various fields of the media all will act with integrity, be committed to truth and bring hope

to people.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For journalists and photographers who have been killed in the Holy Land, Ukrainian and others wars, that eternal peace will be theirs,

along with

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Eternal and loving God,

 who have made this day sacred

 through the resurrection of your Son, Jesus,

 receive our heartfelt prayers,

 and renew us for your service.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Monday 27th January 2025**

**St Angela Merici (Outside Australia)**

**Ss Timothy and Titus (Australia only)**

**Monday Third Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: By God’s graciousness we are the children

 of the second covenant which has been sealed

 in the sacrifice and blood of Jesus Christ.

1. May every Catholic deepen their appreciation of the gift of the Eucharist, the sign of the New Covenant, so that they unite themselves with Christ in his offering to the Father. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. May we await the return of Jesus Christ with great hope,

for he will come with the reward and gift of salvation.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May those who are caught up in the occult

come to know that they are playing into the hands of Satan,

and with God’s grace seek once again the light and truth of Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May this International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims

of the Holocaust be observed around the world as a reminder of the evil of killing people because of their race or religion or disabilities.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. Australia May the ministry of Saints Timothy and Titus, fellow workers

of St Paul, inspire the leadership in every diocese to work in a spirit of synodality for the salvation of people.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. Outside of Australia May those who are reformers in the Church be listened to carefully, for they continue in the tradition of St Angela Merici, a model of charity and wisdom when facing the problems of the Church in the 16th century.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Heavenly God, let your justice and peace reign upon earth.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 28th January 2025**

**St Thomas Aquinas**

**Tuesday Third Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: My friends, through his word, Jesus brings us

into relationship with him,

as close as his own earthly family.

1. That we may receive the word of God with grateful hearts

and live it’s mystery day by day.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. That the members our of own families

may be blessed this day.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. That each one of us may do the will of God because

the Spirit has been given to us in Baptism and Confirmation.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. That the grace and peace of God the Father

and Jesus Christ the Saviour may rest upon each member

of our parish community.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. That those who invoke St Thomas Aquinas as patron:

the priests people of Naracoorte Parish, the students and staff of Aquinas College at Adelaide University, along with philosophers and theologians, may all seek the truth of Jesus with humility.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Eternal God,

may the whole world come to know the saving love and Good news of Jesus Christ,

who is Lord, for ever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Wednesday 29th January 2025**

**Third Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Having received that word of Jesus into our hearts

 we pray that it may be fruitful in our daily lives.

1. May the word of God bear a rich harvest in the heart

of each one of us, so that we can be faithful disciples

of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May those in whom the word of God has withered away

be refreshed by the Holy Spirit, so that they can embrace the Christian faith with new enthusiasm.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May those who feel the burden of their sin

come with confidence to Jesus Christ,

who through his sacrifice has taken away the sin of the world.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May all who celebrate Lunar New Year today, in our land and around the world, receive the gifts of peace, hope, freedom and security.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May the ceasefire in the Holy Land continue, renewed efforts for peace between Ukraine and Russia take place, along with an end to the violence in Sudan and Myanmar.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Father, through the gift of the priesthood

 you continue to enrich the Church with the Eucharist.

draw all priests close to your Son, the Eternal High Priest

for he is Lord, for ever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 30th January 2025**

**Third Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

Jesus has urged us to live our lives

in his Light.

1. May Christians everywhere find in the goodness of their lives

a light revealing the hope of Christ to others.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May families whose members hide secrets from each other,

be able to grow in trust of one another,

forgive, be healed, and advance in goodness.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May all who share the priesthood of Jesus through their baptism,

grow in holiness, uncontaminated by the negative influences of the world.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May there be renewed efforts to end the war between Ukraine and Russia

so that justice prevails, bringing a lasting peace.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May the ceasefire in Gaza strengthen each day, and justice come to the people of the Occupied West Bank, so that the properties of the Palestinians are returned to them.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Lord our God,

 give us a love for truth

 so that we will always know your love.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Friday 31st January 2025**

**St John Bosco**

**Friday Third Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: The word of God works silently in our hearts,

producing its fruitfulness through the action of the Holy Spirit.

1. May we allow the Spirit to work in our lives, so that whatever good we do will bring glory to God, and not to ourselves.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May the Church be a community, which like the mustard tree,

offers a safe shelter for all who are damaged by life.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May the word of God be fruitful in our hearts,

and produce a harvest of good works.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May those caught up in the cares of this world,

or whose enthusiasm quickly fades,

hear again the word of God with faith.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May young people, apprentices and young workers

who have been placed under the patronage of St John Bosco,

be safe, and receive encouragement from others.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. May the Salesian priests at Gawler, founded by St John Bosco, Fr Long Hai Nguyen and the parishioners of Brooklyn Park Parish and the students and staff of their school all draw closer to Jesus Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Lord God,

 you are the rock who saves us.

 Be with us this day

 and protect us from harm.

 Through Christ our Lord

**The Universal Prayer**

**Saturday 1st February 2025**

(St Brigid of Ireland)

**Third Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Dear friends, in Jesus we see the One

 who can calm the storms of our lives

 and bring us peace.

1. That when we find life difficult

or feel the burden of anxiety,

we may place our trust in Jesus Christ and his calming love.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. That those who at this time are struggling in life

may receive the gift of faith in Jesus Christ

through which their hope will be sustained.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. That in this time when there are actions against people of faith, may the spiritual descendants of Abraham - Jews, Christians and Muslims –

walk by faith, and be freed from all racially fueled violence, graffiti

and damage to property.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. That St Brigid of Ireland will intercede for the community of Kilburn and the students and staff of their parish school, the people of Ireland along with midwives.

 Let us pray to the Lord.

1. That peace will prevail everywhere where people are caught up in war and violence.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Father and King, we place into your care all who are vulnerable, that your peace will guide them with hope.

Through Christ our Lord.