**The Universal Prayer**

**Sunday 8th June 2025**

**Solemnity of Pentecost**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

 this day of Pentecost, fifty days after the

Resurrection of the Lord is a great celebration

of the Spirit, empowering the Church as the Body of Christ.

1. For the Holy Spirit to guide Pope Leo, so that all

Christians will be drawn into a unity of unwavering faith,

steadfast hope and generous love.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear of prayer.**

**Adelaide Archdiocese Only**

1. For the Holy Spirit to unite Archbishop Patrick with the people of our Archdiocese as he convokes today, next year’s Diocesan Synod, so that as Jesus was sent by the Father, we too will be sent by Jesus as a missionary Church.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear of prayer.**

1. For the Holy Spirit to bring joy to all Christians, so that as at this time the Church celebrates the 1,700 anniversary of the Council of Nicaea and the formation of the Nicaean Creed, our belief in the Trinity will be firm and unwavering.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear of prayer.**

1. For the Holy Spirit to pour out the balm of comfort and mercy upon the people who live in that Holy Land where the disciples of Jesus received the Spirit, so that violence will end and peace will be the gift of Pentecost.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear of prayer.**

1. For the Holy Spirit to give hope to all burdened with the cares of life, suffering pain or loneliness, that the compassion of Jesus will bring comfort, restore energy,

and heal all with reconciliation.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear of prayer.**

1. For the Holy Spirit to …
2. For the Holy Spirit to prepare the dying for death, and

give eternal joy to the departed, called to entered into the mystery of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We remember … (**Adelaide** Archbishop Christopher Reynolds whose anniversary is this week).

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear of prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord God, let your Holy Spirit renew

the Church in this Jubilee Year of Hope,

and flood all the faithful with a desire

to be missionaries of Jesus Christ,

walking together in his way,

radiating his Divine Love.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Monday 9th June 2025**

**The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

**Monday Tenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Presidential Prayers and Preface: Australian Supplement. The Roman Missal 2024, p8

Readings: Lectionary Vol 3. p 841,

Celebrant: Today, following the day of Pentecost, we honour Mary as

Mother of the Church, a title given to Mary by Pope Saint

Paul VI at the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council.

1. May Pope Leo lead the celebration of today’s Jubilee of the Holy

See at the Vatican, giving thanks particularly for the work carried out by all the staff following the death of Pope Francis, the Conclave and Pope Leo’s Inauguration.

Lord, hear us.

 2. May each one of us, in imitation of Mary, have a love for the

 Church, the disciples of Jesus, and imitate her in the way

 she prayed with and comforted them following the death of Jesus.

 Lord, hear us.

3. May Mary, the Queen of Peace, intercede for all who are trapped

in war and hunger, across the Holy Land, Ukraine and Russia, in Myanmar, Sudan and South Sudan, Syria and Yemen.

 Lord, hear us.

 4. May those who are persecuted because of the faith in Jesus

 experience the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church,

 who stood with faith and courage at the cross of Jesus.

 Lord, hear us.

 5. May the departed members of the Church be welcomed into the

 heavenly home by Mary and all the Angels and Saints.

 Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Heavenly God, gentle Father,

as you have given your Son’s mother to be also

Mother of the Church, may we grow in grace like her.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 10th June 2025**

**Tenth Week in Ordinary Time Year 1**

Celebrant: My friends, Christ is the true light of the world.

May every Christian be a light of his love to others.

1. That the Church may shine forth in this dark and violent world

as a light of holiness, truth and mercy,

bringing hope to all people.

Lord, hear us.

1. That our faith may be strong like salt,

and bring flavour to all we do and say,

the flavour of joy and peace.

Lord, hear us.

1. That in the face of a growing lack of grain and it’s higher cost,

especially on the African continent,

due to the war in Ukraine, other nations will assist with humanitarian aid.

Lord, hear us.

1. That the starving people of Gaza and those on the Occupied West Bank of Palestine will receive the humanitarian aid which is their right as members of the human family.

Lord, hear us.

1. That the shared mission of Paul, Silvanus and Timothy in witnessing to Jesus in the first Christian century be imitated by us in our parish today.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Eternal God, your word brings us the light of your truth. May we receive it with grateful hearts

 so that your truth is reflected in what we say

 and how we act.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Wednesday 11th June 2025**

**St Barnabas**

**Tuesday Tenth Week in Ordinary Time**

(Readings proper to the Memorial)

Celebrant: Dear friends,

we honour St Barnabas, co-worker of St Paul,

 whom the early Church accepted as an apostle.

1. That encouraged by Pope Leo, all baptised into Christ, may be apostles of his gospel and give witness to his truth and love in their daily lives.

Lord, hear us.

1. That the example of Barnabas and Paul, working together

in spreading the gospel, may help the Church today

develop a collaborative ministry between bishops, clergy and

Christ’s faithful.

Lord, hear us.

1. That we may take into every home we enter today

the peace of Christ, and share it with others

through courtesy and kindness.

Lord, hear us.

1. That the divided nation of Cyprus, which honours St Barnabas

as patron, may soon be reunited so that there is harmony

and respect among all citizens and faiths.

Lord, hear us.

1. That this World Prostrate Cancer Day will focus on this disease affecting men, especially as we start Men’s Health Week, so that diagnosis is quick and treatment effective.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Father, your love embraces the whole of creation,

 and your salvation is for every person.

 May the message of your Son, Jesus Christ,

 be heard everywhere, and bring peace and hope

 to all nations. Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 12th June 2025**

**Tenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, as we are about to bring our offering to the altar, let us, in our hearts, be reconciled

with those who offend us or whom we have offended.

1. We pray for Pope Leo in his commitment to reconcile all Christians, so that there is a true and visible unity

among all the followers of Christ.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray for those who are enemies to one another,

that they may be able to resolve their differences

with respect.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray for urgent and good rains in places around the world where drought continue to bring hardship and hunger,

(in particular here in South Australia).

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray on this World Day Against Child Labour that this evil exploitation will end, and that children will regain the joy and freedom to learn and play through their years of childhood.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray for children who are distressed and broken-hearted, injured and imprisoned, orphaned and hungry, without education

and sanitary facilities in places of war in so many lands.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray eternal rest and joy for Archbishop Christopher Reynolds,

former Archbishop of Adelaide, whose anniversary is today.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord our God, your voice speaks to us of peace.

 May we dedicate our lives to bringing that peace

 to all whom we meet. Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Friday 13th June 2025**

**St Anthony of Padua**

**185th Anniversary of the First Mass in South Australia**

**Tenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: As we celebrate the popular St Anthony, we do so on the anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in Adelaide in 1840.

1. May Archbishop Patrick of Adelaide and Bishop Carol of Port Pirie, and all the Catholics of South Australia,grow in love for the Eucharist as we celebrate this 185th anniversary of our first Mass in Adelaide, South Australia.

Lord, hear us.

2. May this anniversary of Adelaide’s first Mass bring blessings upon us Catholics, so that our faith in, and love for the Eucharist, is deepened.

Lord, hear us.

3 May all who honour St Anthony as patron: the people of Edwardstown parish and the students of their school, along with the students of the Millicent parish school, the people of Manoora, and the nation of Portugal, be strengthened in their faith in Jesus.

Lord, hear us.

4. May those who live with hunger, and who were particularly loved

by St Anthony, receive their daily bread, especially in Palestine, Ukraine, Yemen, Myanmar, Sudan and South Sudan.

Lord, hear us.

5 May purity and respect in thought honour the dignity of others,

 and our own body be an instrument of charity and care for others.

 Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord our God, your voice speaks to us of peace.

 May we dedicate our lives to bringing that peace

 to all whom we meet. Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Saturday 14th June 2025**

**Saturday Tenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Dear friends,

Jesus teaches us the dignity of language.

1. That the Jubilee of Sports, beginning today in Rome, advance health of mind and body, as Pope Leo said last weekend, so that

a good spirit builds up respectful communities.

 Lord, hear us.

1. That we may value language, use it well, be truthful, and always speak with respect to and about other people.

Lord, hear us.

1. That in our parish we may find ways to ensure that the many

 languages used by our parishioners are respected and brought

 prayerfully to the Eucharist, building up the unity of the Body of

 Christ.

Lord, hear us.

1. That on the World Blood Donor Day we will offer thanksgiving for those who generously care for others in this way and pray that many more people will become donors.

Lord, hear us.

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1. That God will hear the cries of Syrian people as they seek a new stability, the people of Palestine trapped in violence and hunger, the hostages and prisoners held without charge and their families on the brink of despair.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Father, your love embraces the whole of creation,

 and your salvation is for every person.

 May the message of your Son, Jesus Christ,

 be heard everywhere, and bring peace and hope

 to all nations, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.