

THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

The Universal Prayer follows in this or a similar form determined by the competent authority.

Bishop: My dear brothers and sisters, let us humbly pray to God the almighty Father and be of one mind in our prayer, just as faith, hope, and charity, which proceed from his Holy Spirit, are one.

Candidate: For us, his servants,
whom the gift of the Holy Spirit has confirmed:
that, planted in faith and grounded in love,
we may bear witness to Christ the Lord
by our way of life,
let us pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Candidate: For our parents and sponsors that by word and example they may continue to encourage those whom they have sponsored in the faith to follow in the footsteps of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Candidate: For those discerning a vocation to religious life, the diaconate, or the priesthood in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, that, having recognized the stirring of the Holy Spirit, they may be strengthened in prayer and given the courage to listen to God's voice,
let us pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Candidate: For the holy Church of God
together with **Leo** our Pope, **Simon Peter** our Bishop,
and all the Bishops
that, gathered by the Holy Spirit,
the Church may grow and increase in unity of
faith and love until the coming of the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Candidate: For the whole world:
that all people, who have one Maker and Father,
may acknowledge one another as brothers and sisters,
without discrimination of race or nation,
and with sincere hearts seek the Kingdom of God,
which is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,
let us pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Bishop: O God, who gave the Holy Spirit to your Apostles
and willed that through them and their successors
the same Spirit be handed on to the rest of the faithful,
listen favorably to our prayer,
and grant that your divine grace,
which was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed,
may now spread through the hearts of those
who believe in you.
Through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.