

THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

The Deacon/Reader offers these or similar general intercessions at the ambo, saying:

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

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

Reader: For their 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.

Reader: 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, may be strengthened in their prayer and be given
courage to listen to God's voice,
let us pray to the Lord.

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

Reader: For the holy Church of God
together with Pope **Francis**, Bishop **Jacobs**,
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.

Reader: 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.