

THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

30. 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.**

Deacon or minister:

**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.

Deacon or minister:

**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.

Deacon or minister:

For the holy Church of God
together with N. our Pope, N. 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.

Deacon or minister:

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.