Prayer of intercession, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

PRESIDER

Dear sisters and brothers, Jesus invites us again to God's banquet of boundless life. Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters to hear and accept this invitation.

READER

We pray for Pope Leo, the college of bishops and all church leaders, that they will be unfailing beacons of hope for humanity in this time of global upheaval and uncertainty. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the vast array of poor and hungry people around the world, that this week's World Food Day (16 October) and the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (17 October) will drive new efforts to give them a place at table of life. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for young girls in every land, that today's International Day of the Girl Child will hasten the end of child marriage and promote the recognition of their rights. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for humanitarian workers in places of deadly danger, that they will stay safe while caring for those in urgent need of medical care, shelter and food. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for foster parents, that their willingness to welcome others' children into their homes and hearts will encourage many to follow their example. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the beginning of a new school term - that God may bless teachers with wisdom and patience, and students with joy in learning, so that together they may grow in knowledge and faith. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the members of our parish community, that whether rich or poor, hungry or filled, we will draw strength from God like Paul the apostle. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died recently, and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be welcome guests at the wedding banquet of eternal life. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

PRESIDER

God of all goodness, you gave us your Son to shepherd us through the valley of darkness to your heavenly realm. Help us follow him in faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord.