Because the joy and hope, the struggle and anguish of the people of this age and especially of the poor and those suffering in any way are the joy and hope, the struggle and anguish of Christ’s disciples, the Church prays not just for its own needs but for the salvation of the world.

Let your Church be a living witness to truth and freedom, to justice and peace, that all people may be lifted up by the hope of a world made new.

EP Various Needs and Occasions

For we are God’s fellow workers.
You are God’s field, God’s building.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:9-11

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Open our hearts to the needs of all humanity, so that sharing their grief and anguish, their joy and hope, we may faithfully bring them the good news of salvation and advance together on the way to your kingdom.

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Gaudium et Spes 67

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Creator of all that is,
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Please pray for the current intentions, both with your parish community and in your own personal prayers. On some days these intentions will be included in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass. Also it is hoped that vigils and other prayer services will be held.

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Throughout Easter we are asked to pray for these intentions:

**Easter**

- New Members of the Church
- Vocations especially on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Fourth Sunday of Easter)
- Human Work especially on St Joseph the Worker (1 May)
- The Right Use of the Media especially on World Communications Day (Seventh Sunday of Easter)
- The Church Especially at Pentecost

**NEW MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH**

Rejoice, you newly baptised, chosen members of the Kingdom.
Buried with Christ in death, you are reborn in him by faith.
RCIA 263

Father,
you give your Church constant growth by adding new members to your family.
Help us put into action in our lives the baptism we have received with faith.
Roman Missal (RM) 222

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide
John 15:16

**VOCATIONS**

Father,
in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people.
Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love.
Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the gospel.
Roman Missal (RM) 806

**THE RIGHT USE OF THE MEDIA**

Speak out with a voice of joy; let it be heard to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has set his people free, alleluia.
RM 260

O God,
whose word is truth and in whose light we see light, guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image.

Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity.
Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours, and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world, awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence and of longing for your peace.