

THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

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 if one is not present another 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.

℞. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

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.

℞. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

For the holy Church of God,
Together with Francis our Pope, Edward 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.

℞. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

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.

℟. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

For an increase in vocations
to the priesthood and consecrated life, especially in the
Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau:
may our young hear God's call.
May our families, parishes, and schools sow the seeds that
will reap a harvest of sacred workers for God's Church,
let us pray to the Lord.

℟. 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.**

℟. Amen.