

## 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, Timothy 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 Harrisburg:  
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.