



Catholic Church's National Appeal for SEA SUNDAY 12 July 2020

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Celebrant

Trusting in God's mercy and promise to give rest to those who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, we pray:

Reader

Let us pray that, through the leadership of Pope Francis, all Bishops, priests and deacons, the Church may be seen to be an instrument of God's compassion, justice and love. (Pause) Lord, hear us. R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray that governments around the world show the same respect for fishers and all those who make their living on the oceans. (Pause) Lord, hear us. R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray that those seafarers denied any shore leave because of Covid-19 may soon come safely on shore and return to their loved ones. (Pause) Lord, hear us. R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all those who work in seafarer centres around the world. Help them, bless them and give them encouragement to follow your example of love and compassion. (Pause) Lord, hear us. R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all families of seafarers who struggle with many months of separation from their loved one. May they find comfort in the knowledge that Our Lady, Star of the Sea is watching over them. (Pause) Lord, hear us. R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all those sick and injured seafarers who have been hospitalised far from their homes and families. (Pause) Lord, hear us. R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who have died, particularly seafarers and members of their families from whom they may have been separated by circumstances at this time. That they may share your heavenly kingdom. (Pause) Lord, hear us. R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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Father, you have listened to the prayers of your people. We ask you to grant these petitions through Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.