



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

Lord Jesus, you told us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and welcome the stranger. 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.*

Jesus, you chose fishermen to be the leaders of the Church you founded. 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.*

Jesus, you calmed the sea and brought your disciples safely to land. 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.*

Lord Jesus, you taught us to care for one another. 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.*

Lord Jesus, you grew up in the Holy Family with Mary and Joseph. 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.*

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick, the blind and the crippled. 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.*

Lord Jesus you suffered and died and rose from the dead so that all may share eternal life with you. Bring all seafarers who have died to 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. Amen.