

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL – 14th JULY 2024 - 15th SUNDAY of OT (B) (Sea Sunday)

CELEBRANT: Let us pray to the Father,
whose help is near for those who fear him.

- READER:**
1. For all the troubled places of the earth –
for Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan and for the hidden places within our own streets:
that the unclean spirits of war and terror and desperation
may be cast out by the voice of God and the deeds of people of goodwill...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...
 2. For the work of the Church,
chosen and sent by God to all the earth:
that she may speak God's word with integrity and compassion,
and proclaim the good news of repentance with humility and urgency...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...
 3. For all who work at sea
and for the ministry of the chaplains and volunteers of *Stella Maris*:
that seafarers may be preserved from harm
and that the grace of God may be ever visible in the work of *Stella Maris*...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...
 4. For all who have been washed in the waters of baptism:
that we may grow together in wisdom, insight and compassion
and so become a people of authentic praise and true service...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...
 5. For the sick, for the lonely and for the bereaved:
that they may receive an anointing of peace and blessing
so as to live in the freedom of the children of God...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...
 6. For all who have died:
that, cleansed from all stain of sin,
they may be made holy and spotless
so as to rest in the loving embrace of God...
LORD, IN YOUR MERCY...

Let us ask Mary, Star of the Sea, to accompany us in prayer as we say.....HAIL MARY.....

And in silence, let us place our deepest needs before the Father.....

CELEBRANT: God of faithfulness and peace,
in whom we find our strength -
call to us each day of our lives
and keep us close to you alone,
until that day when we hope to reach the safe harbour of heaven
and to rest with you forever.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.