

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL – TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

18 October 2026

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Dear friends, Jesus directs us to the rightful claims of both human and divine authority. Let us pray for the wisdom to respond to them freely.

READER

1. For everyone entrusted with secular or spiritual authority. May they exercise that authority with integrity, justice and love. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/
2. For the leaders of states where the death penalty still stands. May they move to abolish it without delay. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/
3. For all who are struggling to cope with the cost of living. May all sectors of society join forces to work for a fair and inclusive economy. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/
4. For students preparing for examinations and discerning their future. May they find their way to satisfying and beneficial work. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/
5. For the sick, the frail and the housebound, that they will draw strength from the prayerful support of the community, especially: Pope Leo, Pat Lane, Janet Jelleff, Christine Exton, Fr Reece Beltrame, Julia Foster, Pauline Cullen, Robert Erbacher, Brian Butler, Esmaeil Vakili, Allan Ferrari, Rino Conte, Lisa Cosma, Andrew Hodson, Renee Van Beelen and Dominic Masserotti. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/
6. For those who have died recently, all whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, and our own departed family and friends, especially Jean Mander, Michael Chiera, Robert Williams, Joseph Murnane, Josie Fletcher, Raffaella Danza, Francesco Santangelo, Vincenza Cacciola, Jeremiah Lynch, Josie Tobin, Cynthia Anthony and Brian Overton. May their faith, hope and love flourish for ever in the house of God. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/

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God of glory and power, you rule the world with unfailing justice. Free us from fear and keep us close to the Just One, Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, for ever and ever. Amen