

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22nd of February 2014
St Michael's Parish, Enniskillen and Lisbellaw

Priest: Christ's call is most challenging: to be perfect as God is perfect. To be as perfect as God means to be full of compassion, slow to anger and rich in mercy. And so, with loving hearts, we place our prayers before our heavenly Father.

1. For the Church: that it may be an inspiring example of 'Faith, Hope and Love' for all God's people.

Lord, hear us.

2. We pray for all political leaders: that their concerns and policies may reflect the dignity of the human person as a child of God.

Lord, hear us.

3. For peace in our world: that those lands which are ravaged by violence may experience peace and stability. At this time, we remember in particular the people of the Ukraine and Venezuela.

Lord, hear us.

4. For those who are angry and bitter with their neighbours: that they may realise that giving into feelings of resentment and hatred only separates them from God.

Lord, hear us.

5. For all parents and their families: that their homes may be full of love and kindness.

Lord, hear us.

6. We remember in a special way the sick and the elderly: may they find consolation in God's Word and comfort from the actions of those who care for them.

Lord, hear us.

7. In a moment of silence, we bring to the Lord our prayers and intentions.

Lord, hear us.

Priest: We pray for the dead: that they may share in the peace and happiness of God's kingdom.

Lord, hear us.

Priest: God our Father, you know what is good for us. Rid our hearts of all bitterness and bless our efforts to love your people. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.