

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

*These intercessions may be used on Catechetical Sunday in lieu of the regular intercessions. They may be used in whole or in part. You may include your own intentions according to your parish needs to which the response is: “**Lord Have Mercy.**”*

O Lord, protect the shepherds who tend to Your flock in every place, especially Benedict XVI Pope of Rome, Nasrallah Peter Patriarch of Antioch, Gregory our Bishop, and \_\_\_\_\_ our pastor. God created us to live and grow in love. By being stewards of God’s gifts, we take an active part in bringing this vision of life into being. Confident in the power of prayer to transform us, we bring our needs to God who hears us. We glorify You, thank You and pray to You, O Lord.

For the Church: May it grow stronger in its resolve to welcome and embrace those who are living on the margins of society. We glorify You, thank You and pray to You, O Lord.

For the leaders of nations: May their first concern be to preserve and foster peace through compassionate policies and just systems. We glorify You, thank You and pray to You, O Lord.

For those who suffer from physical and mental illness: May they be healed through God’s infinite mercy and be comforted by those who care for them. We glorify You, thank You and pray to You, O Lord.

For families: May they grow stronger in their love and commitment to one another. We glorify You, thank You and pray to You, O Lord.

For catechists: May they be blessed with creativity and enthusiasm as stewards of God’s gifts. We glorify You, thank You and pray to You, O Lord.