

## Reflections and Prayers for the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time



*We are so inundated with words - for example, multi-sectioned daily newspapers, twenty-four hour radio and TV broadcasting, internet spam and text messaging - that it takes great care to attune ourselves to God's word.*

*We pray for all who endeavour to care for the earth, our common home, that the Spirit of Christ will keep them hope-filled and resolute.*

*Keep Sowing! Scatter God's word with abandon! Even though only a small portion of what is sown bears fruit, nonetheless God assures an abundant harvest.*

**May the abundance of God's word to be sown in our hearts. Let it bear a rich harvest of prayer for the whole of creation.**

We pray for all who sow the word of God as preachers, evangelisers and catechists. May their proclamation of the Gospel spread the peace and joy of Christ. (Pause for silent 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 for silent prayer)

We pray for parents and teachers. May the seeds of love and wisdom they sow in young children bear life-long fruit. (Pause for silent prayer)

We pray for the earth, our common home. May we heed its cry of pain and fulfil our duty of care for the world that has been entrusted to us. (Pause for silent prayer)

We pray for peoples thrust back into poverty by the coronavirus pandemic. May world leaders pledge their full support for a new international plan of development. (Pause for silent prayer)

We pray for Fr Raul and Fr Alex who celebrate the Foundation Day of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July. May God continue to Bless them as they live and share the mission of their Society with us. (Pause for silent prayer)

We pray for the recently deceased, . . . , and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they enjoy the freedom and eternal glory of the children of God. (Pause for silent prayer)

**By your word, O God, you made all things, and by your word redeemed us. Hear our prayers and send us out to sow your seeds of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.**