

# Prayers of the People for Sunday July 21

24<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday

**Bidding:** God of love, hear our prayer  
**And grant us your peace.**

Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd,  
as you taught the crowds who came to hear you a great many things,  
so too, by your teachings  
lead us from death to life,  
from falsehood to truth.

*Satish Kumar*

We thank you for  
your wholehearted search for all who go astray,  
the rejoicing among the company of heaven even when one is found;  
your forgiveness, reconciliation and restoration to eternal life in you.

Grant us, the Parish of St Peter, that same willingness  
to seek, diligently, the last, the least and the lost outside our red doors  
to show them that same love, hospitality and compassion you showed  
those who were hungry and without direction  
so they too may have the opportunity to touch your hem.

God of love, hear our prayer  
**And grant us your peace.**

Christ our good shepherd,  
lead us from despair to hope,  
from fear to trust.

*Satish Kumar*

We pray for the last, the least and the lost,  
asking you to seek, comfort, and bring hope to:  
the poor, hungry, transient and homeless,  
the victims of domestic violence  
those imprisoned in unhappy homes,  
the unemployed, and the working poor,  
all who are orphaned, estranged, forgotten, lonely or in despair,  
those who have fallen away, and  
those who are now unable to trust, because of the actions of others.

God of love, hear our prayer  
**And grant us your peace**

Christ our good shepherd,  
lead us from suffering to healing  
from grief to acceptance.

We pray for, and ask you to comfort, heal, and restore to wholeness  
those who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit,  
those who are numbed and desolate because of the death of a loved one.

We give thanks for the example of your saints through the ages, and for the lives of all who have departed  
over the past week.

+May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

God of love, hear our prayer  
**And grant us your peace.**

Christ our good shepherd,  
lead us from hate to love,  
from war to peace.

*Satish Kumar*

We pray for all victims of hatred, asking you to seek out and lead to a place of refuge, safety and peace:  
innocent people caught up in war, violence, and civil unrest,  
those persecuted because of their faith in you,  
those imprisoned or cancelled for their thoughts,  
those discriminated against because of skin colour, race or faith,  
those bullied for simply being who they are,  
those who are unhappy and unsafe in their own homes.

Let the true peace, which can only be found in you, fill our hearts,  
our world, our universe.

*Satish Kumar*

God of love, hear our prayer  
**And draw us back to yourself.**

Christ our light  
Be a bright flame before us  
Be a guiding star above us  
Be a smooth path below us  
And be a kindly Shepherd behind us  
Now and forever  
Amen.

*St Columba, adapted*