

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER**  
**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (ABC)**

**Presider:**

Having been enlightened by God's Word,  
let us bring our needs before the Author of all Truth.

**Deacon/Cantor/Reader:**

For the Church, called to be united in Christ, we pray to the Lord...

For wise and compassionate leaders of cities, states, and nations, we pray to the Lord...

For priests, deacons, lectors, cantors, and all who minister God's Word to others, we  
pray to the Lord...

For our Catholic schools, where children are formed and inspired by the Word of God,  
we pray to the Lord...

For the sick and suffering, we pray to the Lord...

For all who have died, now at peace in the radiance of God's light, we pray to the  
Lord...

**Presider:** *(if the Vocations Prayer is not prayed now)*

God of eternal love and light,  
You have given us Jesus, your only-begotten Son,  
as your eternal Word of salvation.  
Hear these, our prayers,  
and grant what we need to proclaim the Gospel.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.