

Priest: Brothers and sisters, on this Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, strengthened by the witness of these great Apostles, let us bring our prayers before God our Father.

Reader: For the holy Catholic Church:

that, built upon the foundation of the Apostles, she may proclaim Christ with fidelity, courage, and joy to every nation.

Lord, hear us.

Reader: For Pope Leo, successor of Saint Peter, for Bishop Patrick, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons:

that they may faithfully guard the deposit of faith and lead God's people in truth and holiness.

Lord, hear us.

Reader: For missionaries throughout the world:

that, inspired by the zeal of Saint Paul, they may bring the Gospel to those who have not yet come to know Christ.

Lord, hear us.

Reader: For Christians who suffer persecution for their faith:

that the Lord may strengthen them in trial and grant them the courage and perseverance of Saints Peter and Paul.

Lord, hear us.

Reader: For our nation and all who hold positions of responsibility:

that they may govern with wisdom, integrity, and a sincere commitment to justice and the common good.

Lord, hear us.

Reader: For those who are sick, housebound, lonely, or burdened by suffering:

that Christ, the Good Shepherd, may bring them healing, comfort, and peace.

Lord, hear us.

Reader: For our parish community:

that, following the example of Saints Peter and Paul, we may deepen our faith, grow in love for the Eucharist, and become confident witnesses to the Gospel.

Lord, hear us.

Reader: For the faithful departed:

that, having fought the good fight and kept the faith, they may share forever in the glory of Christ's heavenly kingdom.

Lord, hear us.

Reader: Let us now offer our own prayers in silence. (*pause*)

Reader: Let us ask the prayers of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles.

All: Hail Mary...

Priest: Heavenly Father, you called Saints Peter and Paul to be faithful witnesses to your Son. Hear the prayers we offer with confidence and grant them according to your holy will. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.