

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 19 July 2026.

PRESIDER

Dear friends, the Holy Spirit takes our prayers to God for us. Let us pray as best we can for the needs and hopes of the world.

READER

We pray for Pope Leo, bishop of Rome and pastor of all, that he will sow good seeds of peace and wisdom wherever he goes. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the church, that it will be yeast that leavens the stuff of life and a mustard seed that grows to greatness. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the distraught people of Venezuela, that with the world's help they will rise from their grief and set out on the long road to recovery. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the democratic peoples of the world, that they will resist the appeal of divisive populists and hold fast to their freedoms and shared values. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for students in seminaries and theological colleges, that they will learn to be leaders and teachers of prayer. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died recently, especially Ellen Hughes, and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that the mystery of divine love will be eternally revealed to them. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

PRESIDER

God of all goodness, you show your power by the mercy you grant us. Help us be a leaven of kindness in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.