

**Universal Prayers of the Faithful**  
**January 18, 2026**

For the Church: That we be a light to the nations and a sign of God's love and mercy in the world.....**we pray to the Lord.**

That our evangelization efforts and proclamation of God's kingdom reach the ends of the earth.....**we pray to the Lord**

That Christians of all denominations work together for Christian unity.....**we pray to the Lord**

As we commemorate the Martin Luther King Jr holiday this week, may we work together to advance the values he stood for in our society.....**we pray to the Lord**

May we who are gathered for Mass today respond willingly and joyfully to God's call in our lives.....**we pray to the Lord**

For peace and an end to violence: that God will inspire leaders as they seek to negotiate peace throughout the world, especially in the Middle East and Venezuela.....**we pray to the Lord**

For all those suffering from pain and ill-health, particularly the sick of our parish and community, that the Lord in his mercy will touch them with his healing hands and grant them strength and peace in their time of suffering.....**we pray to the Lord**

For our faithful departed ones: that Jesus anointed Son of God, may raise up our faithful departed loved ones, purifying them of all sin and welcoming them into His heavenly home, and especially for Michael Ayoub, Renee Valenti, John Pilette, and Carolyn Alexander, for whom this Mass is offered.....**we pray to the Lord**