

RESPONDING TO THE PSALMS – July 2025

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We offer the Sunday Responsorial Psalm as a focus for prayer and reflection during the week ahead for yourself or share with others. You could note your own thoughts as a possible personal journal.

As the Year of Jubilee, the Holy Year, each week different groups and individuals travel to Rome as Pilgrims of Hope. Try to associate yourself with them who are the Church with us.

The Heart of Christ is driven by an immense compassion: it is the good Samaritan of humanity who says to us: Go and do likewise. Foreshadowing the Upper Room and the Cross when he gave his very self to eat, his compassion drives him to break the Bread of his Word and to share himself. He says to us "Give them something to eat yourselves" that is to make your life a gift of love.

Let us pray

Father, in this Year of Jubilee, open the way of salvation for your Church. Accept our desires to do good and listen to our hopes to convert our lives to you as authentic witnesses of the Gospel. With the grace of the Holy Spirit guide our steps towards that blessed hope of seeing you face in the heavenly Jerusalem, where your Kingdom will have it full and perfect fulfilment, when everything will be realised in Christ your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, for age upon age. Amen.

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July 2025

Sunday 6 July 2025 **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**

Sunday 13 July 2025 **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**

Sunday 20 July 2025 **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**

Sunday 27 July 2025 **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**

Sunday 6 July 2025 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66(65):1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a. 16, 20. **R1**

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.

Say to God, 'How wondrous your deeds!'

Pray for more people to see the glory of God through his creation and so come to belief

Pray for a deeper appreciation for ourselves of all the good things God has done for us

'Before you all the earth shall bow down,
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'

Come and see the works of God:

his wondrous deeds among the children of Adam.

Pray that all who have power and influence of any kind will use it wisely for the good God wants

Pray that all who work in communications and media will promote what is good and positive

He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.

Let our joy, then, be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.

Pray for all who have been affected by natural disasters that they may be restored to normal life

Pray that we may communicate our faith by joyful lives

Come and hear, all who fear God;

I will tell what he did for my soul.

Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,
nor withhold from me his merciful love.

Ask for the strength to be confident to tell other people about our Christian Catholic faith

Thank God for answering our prayers, for showing us his love.

Sunday 13 July 2025 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 69(68):14, 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36ab, 37. *R* cf. 33

Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

I pray to you, O LORD,

at an acceptable time.

In your great mercy, answer me, O God,
with your faithful salvation.

LORD, answer, for your mercy is kind;

in your great compassion, turn toward me.

Stop and reflect on all the times God has shown us compassion through other people

Ask for what you need to share God's compassion with others

As for me in my poverty and pain,

let your salvation, O God, raise me up.

Then I will praise God's name with a song;

I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

Pray for the poor and needy at home and throughout the world

Ask God for what will make you more fulfilled as a human being, made in his image

The poor when they see it will be glad,

and God-seeking hearts will revive;

for the LORD attends to the needy,

and does not spurn his own in their chains.

Pray for all who work to relieve poverty in so many different ways

Pray for people who no longer bother about their faith that they may revive it

For God will bring salvation to Sion,

and rebuild the cities of Judah.

The children of his servants shall inherit it;

those who love his name shall dwell there.

Pray for peace in the Middle East, the lands that Christ knew

Pray for all who try to build peace there and throughout the world

Sunday 20 July 2025 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15(14):2-3a. 3b-4b. 5. ~~R~~1b

O Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

Whoever walks without fault;
who does what is righteous,
and speaks the truth from his heart;
whoever does not slander with his tongue.

*Ask for the gift to speak the truth confidently and without fear, especially in difficult situations
Do we realise how our words can build people up or cast them down?*

Who does no wrong to a neighbour,
who casts no slur on a friend,
who looks with scorn on the wicked,
but honours those who fear the Lord.

*Pray for your neighbours and friends by name that their lives will be blessed
Pray that God will indeed deliver us from the evil some people are intent on creating*

Who lends no money at interest,
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a one shall never be shaken.

*Pray for all in the financial sector to be honest and sensitive to the needs of others
Pray for all who have suffered from any financial scheming that their losses will be remedied*

Sunday 27 July 2025 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 138(137):1-2a. 2b-3. 4-5. 7c-8. R3a

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple.

*Take time to give thanks for all the good things of your life
Be aware of how our prayer here joins the prayer of the angels and saints in heaven*

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
For you have exalted over all
your name and your promise.

On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.
*Take time to reflect on how much we rely on God's faithfulness to us
Think of those times where we know God has answered our prayers*

The LORD is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
You give me life though I walk amid affliction;
you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes.
*Stop and just wonder why the almighty God concerns himself with us mere mortals
Think of those times God has stood by us when things have been difficult*

With your right hand you save me;
the LORD will accomplish this for me.
O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.
*Stop and simply rest in the fact that God is with you in this present moment
Pray for all those places, people and situations in distress at the moment, entrust them to the Lord.*