GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

The Celebrant:

My brothers and sisters, in this solemn act of thanksgiving to the Most Blessed Trinity, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mother of God and our Mother, of Saint Joseph her most chaste spouse, of the Holy Angels, and of Saint Josemaría, let us ask God the almighty, Father, source of all good things, Jesus Christ his Son and our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, to pour forth grace continually into our hearts.

R. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

1. For the Holy Church, sign and instrument of universal salvation: that the Holy Spirit may conserve her in unity and reinforce her in the faith, so that the knowledge of the love of Christ our Redeemer may extend ever more widely throughout the world. We pray to the Lord.

₹ Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

2. For the Holy Father, Francis, successor of Peter and Pastor of Christ's flock: that he may be always filled with the wisdom, consolation and strength of the Holy Spirit in his unceasing ministry of service to Christians and to all people. We pray to the Lord.

🔀 Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

3. For (Cardinal/Archbishop/Bishop) N., all bishops and priests of the Church: that, enlightened by the grace of the Spirit of Wisdom, they may be authentic witnesses of the Word of Truth and Life, and strive constantly with untiring effort to spread the Kingdom of God. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

4. For the Prelate of Opus Dei, Monsignor Fernando Ocariz: that the Holy Spirit may assist him always in his service to the Church, and that the Lord may mercifully accept his fervent prayers. We pray to the Lord.

R Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

5. For the Prelature of Opus Dei: that all its faithful, priests and lay people, following with fidelity the spirit of the Founder, Saint Josemaría, may know how to sanctify their ordinary professional work and transform all the events and circumstances of their life into occasions of loving the Lord and of serving the Church, the Roman Pontiff, and all souls with joy and simplicity. We pray to the Lord.

R Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

6. For all who participate in this Eucharist, for their families, and for all humanity: that they may listen to the voice of Jesus, the Incarnate Word and Redeemer of the world, letting the Spirit of God light up all human realities. We pray to the Lord.

🔀 Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

7. For all Catholics: that they be ever more aware of their call to holiness and to the spreading of the Gospel in every environment of the world, through the sanctification of professional work and of the Christian's ordinary duties. We pray to the Lord.

R Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

8. For peace in the world and the unity of the human family: that Christians—especially attentive to the needs of the poor and suffering—may cooperate in solidarity with all people of good will to build a more just society, founded on the Lord's New Commandment. We pray to the Lord.

The Celebrant:

O God, you chose Saint Josemaría to found Opus Dei, a way of sanctification in professional work and in the fulfillment of the Christian's ordinary duties, hear the prayers that we direct to you with filial trust, and grant us the grace to fulfill always and everywhere your Will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen