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**Sample Intentions for the Universal Prayer**

*In addition to the usual intentions for the local community, please consider the following which correspond to both the readings of the day and the Catholic Social Teaching theme.*

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**WEEK 1**

**Family, Communication, & Participation**

For our families and communities: may we be people of mercy and forgiveness…

For parents and their children: may we learn compassion and kindness from Jesus…

For elected officials: may they ensure the rights of prisoners…

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**WEEK 2**

**Dignity of Work & Rights of Workers**

For a greater respect for the dignity of work and the rights of workers…

For employers: may they foster workplaces of dignity and respect…

For governments all over the world: may they uphold the common good and ensure a decent wage for those who labor…

**WEEK 3**

**Option for the Poor and Vulnerable**

For the poor: may they know they too are heirs to the treasures of heaven…

For leaders of cities, states, and nations: may they work for the common good, upholding the dignity of the poor and vulnerable…

For our faith community: may we work to serve the poor and most vulnerable people in our midst…

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**WEEK 4**

**Life & Dignity of the Human Person**

For governmental leaders: may they create laws and policies that uphold the dignity of every human life…

For all those who struggle with their own self-worth: may they know their own intrinsic value as a child of God…

For an end to wars and violence…

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**WEEK 5**

**Solidarity**

For all members of the Church: may we answer the call to serve one another…

For our parish community: may we grow in solidarity with all those who follow Christ…

For those discerning their vocation: may they find solidarity with the Church…

For leaders of cities, states, and nations: may they always work to promote the common good and human flourishing…

**WEEK 6**

**Rights & Responsibilities**

For our parish community: may we be greater stewards of our resources to build up the kingdom of God…

For all elected leaders: may they be more responsible to their communities and seek the good of all…

For all of us: may we always conform our will more closely to God’s will…

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**WEEK 7**

**Care for Creation**

For a greater stewardship of the riches of the earth…

For those who serve in public office: may they promote laws and policies which protect the beauty of God’s creation…

For ourselves: that we may love our neighbor, our land, and all of God’s gifts as we love ourselves…