# iVoteCatholic 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.* 

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...

## 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...

## 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...

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...

## 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...