

## MONTHLY INTENTIONS for 2022:

### JANUARY:

**For Pope Francis' January Intention:** We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

**For Bishop Ricken's January Intention:** That the light of Jesus Christ may expel all darkness in our hearts and the hearts of others.

### FEBRUARY:

**For Pope Francis' February Intention:** We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

**For Bishop Ricken's February Intention:** For our homeless brothers and sisters who especially suffer in these cold months, that we may do what we can to help eliminate their strife.

### MARCH:

**For Pope Francis' March Intention:** We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

**For Bishop Ricken's March Intention:** That through the intercession of St. Joseph, we may strive for holiness in our daily lives and grow in our respect for the dignity of all humanity.

## APRIL:

**For Pope Francis' April Intention:** We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

**For Bishop Ricken's April Intention:** That we may open ourselves more freely to being more attentive to and transformed by the Word of God.

## MAY:

**For Pope Francis' May Intention:** We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

**For Bishop Ricken's May Intention:** For a greater closeness and devotion to Mary our Mother who is our good helper and always shows us the way to her Son.

## JUNE:

**For Pope Francis' June Intention:** We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

**For Bishop Ricken's June Intention:** That our encounter with Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament may transform our hearts to greater union with Him and the Church and that our journey into Eucharistic Revival renew our entire Diocese.

## JULY:

**For Pope Francis' July Intention:** We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

**For Bishop Ricken's July Intention:** That all of those enjoying the warmth, rest, and recreation of summer may be protected and renewed in their faith and make sure to keep holy the Sabbath day, Sunday.

## AUGUST:

**For Pope Francis' August Intention:** We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

**For Bishop Ricken's August Intention:** For families, that the Holy Spirit may guide them in their journey toward holiness and unity in Jesus Christ through the practice of family prayer.

## SEPTEMBER:

**For Pope Francis' September Intention:** We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

**For Bishop Ricken's September Intention:** For all students, that they may grow as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ who share their faith with others.

## OCTOBER:

**For Pope Francis' October Intention:** We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

**For Bishop Ricken's October Intention:** For all expectant mothers, that they may be aided by loved ones and their community to care for and protect the life they bear in their womb.

## NOVEMBER:

**For Pope Francis' November Intention:** We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

**For Bishop Ricken's November Intention:** For an increase of young men and women who have the courage to discern a life of priesthood and religious life and for those who support them.

## DECEMBER:

**For Pope Francis' December Intention:** We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

**For Bishop Ricken's December Intention:** May the Prince of Peace be born again in the minds and hearts of all.