### Prayer of the Faithful

# 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

### Presider

Our God is a God of love and compassion, who reaches out to all people. Humbled by the many blessings bestowed on us, we lift up our hearts in prayer for those in need.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and all bishops and priests of our Church. May they be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to draw people to God’s word, which may not always be what they want to hear.

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray with St Paul that we might all learn the true qualities of love. May we avoid the shallowness of so much of our modern world’s perception of love and instead put Paul’s loving qualities into action in our lives.

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the blessing of school students and teachers as they embark on a new academic year, and for those who have recently completed their secondary studies. May our school leavers be accepted into their desired tertiary courses or find employment suitable to their talents.

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our parish organisations and groups as they plan their year’s activities. May they be supported by parishioners so that our faith community might continue to grow and flourish.

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We pray for the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers.   
We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries we recall at this time. May they share in the peace of eternal life promised to us all.

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### Presider

Gracious God, hear your people in their prayers of petition. May all hearts turn to you as your love continues to shine on us. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.   
**Amen.**