### Prayer of the Faithful

# 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

### Presider

In all humility, we turn to God for mercy. We pray that our ways may be God’s ways, and our thoughts may be God’s thoughts.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and all leaders in our Church. May they guide us to listen to the word of Jesus and heed it.

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

We pray for our world leaders and lawmakers. May they responsibly enact and administer laws that enhance freedom and guard against oppression.

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

We pray for the peacemakers of our world—for those people who in everyday situations make life bearable for those who are victimised.

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

We pray for our faith community. May each of us be aware of how we hurt others and forgive those who offend us.

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are sick in our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers.   
We pray for those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they now be at peace in the love that lasts forever.

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

### Presider

Gracious God, hear our prayers. Remove from our hearts whatever may prevent us from trusting in your life-giving word. We ask this through your Son and our Lord, Jesus.   
**Amen.**