### Prayer of the Faithful

# 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

### Presider

St Paul urges us to use our freedom in Christ to serve one another through love. Guided by the Spirit, we ask God to hear our prayers for all who are not yet free from oppression, sickness or sin.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and all Church leaders. May their sensitivity and compassion encourage all Christians ‘to keep their hand on the plough’ in their witness to promote the kingdom of God among us.

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

We pray for the people of the world who still suffer under the yoke of slavery. May they come to experience the dignity owed to them as human beings.

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We pray for all who are struggling to find food and shelter. May their burdens be lightened by the hands of generosity that stretch out to them in love.

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We pray for our faith community. May all that we do in our daily lives be done for the glory of God.

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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 whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they enjoy the eternal fulfilment of the kingdom of God.

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### Presider

God, our refuge and our hope, our hearts are glad in you, and our souls rejoice. Hear our prayers for the fullness of joy to reach all who have not yet found it. We ask this in Jesus’ name.  
**Amen.**