### Prayer of the Faithful

# 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C (21 July)

### Presider

God has chosen to make known the riches of the glory of Christ in us. As a people of prayer, we proclaim our hope to all who are hurting or suffering in some way.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and the College of Bishops. May they be strengthened in their ministry to inspire all people to open their hearts to the word of God.

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

We pray for the pastoral role of the Church. May it always and everywhere be a house of welcome to all people, irrespective of race, beliefs, skin colour, sexual orientation or religion.

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We pray for the leaders of nations throughout the world. May they be driven by a sense of duty and service to their people.

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We pray for a sense of collaboration in our faith community. May the aspirations of both Martha and Mary continue to be shared in good will and mutual service.

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We pray for the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers.  
We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries we recall at this time. May God welcome them into the eternal kingdom and give them the reward of their faithful service.

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Merciful God, as with Abraham and Sarah, you give us what we most deeply need. May our prayers, like theirs, find favour in your sight. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**