### Prayer of the Faithful

# 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C (28 July)

### Presider

Jesus teaches us to ask and we will receive, to seek and we will find, to knock and the door will be opened to us. Trusting in his words, we come with confidence before the throne of mercy.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and the priests of our Church who lead us in prayer. May Jesus foster in them a deep sense of response to the Spirit, as he taught his disciples.

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

We pray for those oppressed by any need. When life seems difficult, may Jesus’ encouragement to persevere in prayer help them to pray in good faith.

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We pray for the needs of the local community. May the Lord’s Prayer be a source of inspiration, especially for those who struggle to find their own words to pray.

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We pray for all of us in this community of faith. May we pray daily as Jesus taught us, praising God, thanking God for all we have been given and asking God for forgiveness, remembering likewise to forgive others.

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We pray for the sick of our parish and for those who care for them.
We pray for all those who sleep in Christ, especially those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be brought to the fullness of life with Christ.

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### Presider

Gracious Father, receive our prayers of petition. Whenever we call on you we believe you will answer us.
**Amen.**