### Prayer of the Faithful

# 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

### Presider

Today, we lift our hearts and pray that God’s compassion and mercy will be open to those who need it most.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and all Church leaders. May their appeals for world development as a step towards true peace be heard by all with a heartfelt response.

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

We pray for our nation during this week of celebrating the Feast of St Mary McKillop. May more people be inspired by her vision and example to embrace the Gospel with courage and creativity.

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

We pray for those who work in all areas of human rights. Driven by their belief in the dignity of every human being, may their efforts bear fruitful outcomes.

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our faith community as we gather in worship. May we find meaning and fulfillment in what we already have, and may we reach out to provide for those in need.

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We pray for …

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We pray that those who are ill may be strengthened in their struggle and pain.  
We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they share fully in the glory of God’s promise.

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

### Presider

God of life, receive these prayers of intercession. May your mercy flow abundantly to all who are in need. We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**