### Prayer of the Faithful

# 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

### Presider

The Letter to the Hebrews encourages us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. It is through him that we now lift our hearts in prayer and make intercession for all who struggle for justice and wholeness.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and all Church leaders. May their lives and teachings give witness to a God who is compassionate and just.

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

We pray for the people of the world who are being persecuted because of their Christian beliefs. May they be strengthened in their resolve and stand firm in their beliefs, comforted by the words Jesus has given them.

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We pray for all who suffer from depression and who find it difficult to recognise a caring and listening God. May they experience God’s care through the love and compassion of others.

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We pray for our faith community. Purified by Jesus and driven by zeal for him, may we experience the peace he promised.

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We pray for all who are ill in our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers.
We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be welcomed into the eternal kingdom and be rewarded for their faithful service.

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### Presider

God of life, continue to be our help and deliverer as we come before the throne of your mercy. We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord.
**Amen.**