### Prayer of the Faithful

# 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

### Presider

As we gather to be formed in faith by God’s word, we ask the Lord of all hopefulness to receive these prayers of intercession for all God’s people.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and all Church leaders. May they use wisely the authority bestowed on them and continue to witness to God’s kingdom among us.

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

As we celebrate Australia Day this week, may we be sensitive to and acknowledge the First Nations of this land. We pray for God’s blessings on all of us and on our land, where we are privileged to live.

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

We pray for our faith community. In the light of the prophetic call of our baptism, may we discern the movement of God’s Spirit in our daily lives.

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

We pray for …

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

We pray for Pope Emeritus Benedict. May he share in the heavenly liturgy,   
having devoutly exercised the ministry of priest and bishop in the earthly liturgy.

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

We pray for sick parishioners, family and friends, that they will find healing.   
We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they enter into the eternal life of God’s kingdom, as promised to us all.

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

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Father in heaven, we have come together to ask your blessings upon us and on all who have asked for our prayers. We are confident you do not forget your own people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**