### Prayer of the Faithful

# 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

### Presider

Recognising that Christ is our wisdom, our virtue, our holiness and our freedom, we offer these prayers in the hope that we might serve God with our whole being.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and all those in ordained ministry. May they serve your people in a spirit of charity and love.

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

We pray for all national leaders. In the spirit of justice, may they make their mark as peacemakers in our world.

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

We pray for all who have responded to the Lord’s call, whether married, single, ordained to the priesthood or in religious life. May they grow in the grace of their vocations.

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

As we begin a new school year, we pray for all teachers that they may be blessed in dealing with our young people, encouraging them to work to the best of their abilities and to enjoy success in their studies.

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

We pray for our faith community as we share in this Eucharist. May we strive to use our God-given gifts in the service of others.

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for sick parishioners, family members and friends, that they will find healing.  
We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries we recall 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.**

### Presider

Father in heaven, hear the prayers of all of us gathered here as we seek to more fully serve you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**