**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Priest:** Confident God always hears the cry of the poor, we lift up our needs to our Heavenly Father.

1. For the Church: may it always show Christ’s mercy in its love and care for the poor, vulnerable and those who suffer. **Lord, hear us.**
2. On this World Day for the Poor, we pray for those who are hungry, homeless, those struggling to make ends meet, and those caught in a cycle of poverty; inspire us with a spirit of service as we strive to eliminate inequalities in our world. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For peace in our world: for an end to war and conflict. Protect innocent lives caught up in wars not of their making. Help those fleeing conflict to find shelter and security, and bring comfort and healing to broken hearts and lives. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For our parish community: may we never become indifferent to the plight of the poor but respond with works of compassion and mercy. Help us to live simply and prompt our sharing with those most in need. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For all who work to end hunger and homelessness: voluntary organisations, government leaders, and volunteers. Grant them the resources they need to help those in need and reduce poverty in the communities they serve. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For vocations to priesthood and religious life: may the Church be blessed with good and faithful servants who follow Christ in his own poverty. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For all who have died; grant them eternal peace. **Lord, hear us.**

**Priest:** Heavenly Father,your son Jesus embraced poverty and taught that the poor are blessed, for “theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.” Help us to step out of our certainties and comforts so we can both see and serve him in the faces of the poor. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen**