**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Celebrant:** As the Lord’s ‘*hand will do all things for* [us]’ we bring our prayers before the Lord.

1. For the Church: in this Jubilee Year, may we step out with courage along the paths of peace and the ways of justice. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For political stability across the world: bless them with the grace of your Spirit that they may serve your people in truth, compassion and justice. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For persecuted Christians throughout the world: by ‘*the grace of God*’, grant them courage, hope and perseverance as they bear heroic witness to the faith they profess. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For a spirit of gratitude in our daily lives: may we thank the Lord ‘*with all our hearts*’ for the blessings and graces we receive. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For all men and women called by Jesus to teach the Gospel, that the joy of the Lord will remain their guide and strength as they discern His call. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For our waterways, seas and oceans and those whose livelihoods depend on the health of our waters. Help us to be wise stewards of your creation who create sustainable practices that will safeguard the balance of nature. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For those who ‘*work hard all night long*’ while we eat and rest. Grant them the strength and energy they need to complete their work safely and bless them with rest when their work has ended. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For all young people: guard them from temptation, and place godly friends in their path to influence them for good. **Lord, hear us.**
9. As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, we pray for the sick. Through Mary’s intercession, may they experience the healing presence of God among His people. **Lord, hear us.**
10. For those who organise our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes and those who accompany and care for the sick. May they witness to the Lord’s consoling presence through their sacrifice and care of our pilgrims. **Lord, hear us.**
11. For those who have died: that our caring God will love them into eternity. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires. Forgive our failings, keep us in your peace and lead us in the way of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**