

## **Holy Thursday**

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

#### **Celebrant:**

As we thank God for the sacred gifts of the Eucharist and the Priesthood which he instituted on this solemn night – we offer our prayers to Him.

1. We pray for the Church as we enter this sacred time. May the penance of our Lenten journey, united with Christ's passion, enable all Christians to celebrate with joy, the Risen Christ at Easter. **Lord, hear us.**
  
2. As we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, may He give us the wisdom, the strength and the courage we need, to carry out His holy will in each of our lives. **Lord, hear us.**
  
3. On this holy night when Jesus instituted the priesthood, we pray for priests. May the consecrated life of every priest, continue to bring God's graces and blessings to His people, through the celebration of the Sacraments. **Lord, hear us.**
  
4. We pray for vocations to the priesthood. The harvest is rich, but the laborers are few, and so we ask the Lord of the harvest, to send laborers into His harvest. **Lord, hear us.**
  
5. We pray for the gift of humility. May we, like Christ, serve each other in the true peace and happiness that only Christ can give. **Lord, hear us.**
  
6. We pray for the Church in Ireland and across the world as we journey on the Synodal Pathway. May the Holy Spirit inspire and enlighten this process as the Church leads her people on the path that leads to God. **Lord, hear us.**

#### **Celebrant:**

Loving God, ever present and generous. On this night when Jesus gave us Himself in the Eucharist and instituted the priesthood, help us as we journey to you, listen to our prayers and make us your true disciples. We make our prayer, through Christ or Lord. **Amen.**