

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant:

As we take our place at the feet of Jesus, we trust in the Lord's care for His people, and we present our needs.

1. For the Church: may she always bear witness to the generous love of the Lord who lived, died and rose from the dead so that we may have life to the full. **Lord, hear us.**

2. We pray for Deacon Barry White as he prepares for ordination in our Diocese this weekend. As a faithful minister of God's Word and a humble servant of His people, may he, like St. Paul, 'proclaim Christ' among those whom he ministers. **Lord, hear us.**

3. For all who are displaced and homeless; may Christians show them hospitality and generosity as they would to Christ himself. **Lord, hear us.**

4. We pray for all who sit at the feet of Jesus and listen in contemplative prayer in our Diocese. May their prayers draw us closer to the Eucharistic face of Christ. **Lord, hear us.**

5. We pray for all who work in hospitality: in the quality of their service may they offer respite to those seeking rest and 'refreshment'. **Lord, hear us.**

6. For a spirit of compassion: may God touch our hearts with care and concern for all whom we find burdensome, needy, or demanding of our time. **Lord, hear us.**

7. For those who ‘worry and fret about so many things’; may they find rest and clarity in the stillness of God’s presence. **Lord, hear us.**

8. For those who physically hunger for bread, and those who hunger for Jesus, the Bread of Life; provide the food they need to grow and thrive and satisfy their longing for sustenance. **Lord, hear us.**

9. For our families and homes: may we always open our door to the poor, the hungry and the needy, recognising in them Christ himself seeking help and companionship. **Lord, hear us.**

10. For parents anticipating the birth of a child; like Sarah, may recognise You as the Giver of the gift of life. Fill their hearts with joy and strengthen them in love. **Lord, hear us.**

11. For those who have died; may they enjoy the full revelation of Christ’s glory. **Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant:

Heavenly Father, amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else. We ask this through our Jesus Christ Lord.

Amen.