

## **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** We are his people, the sheep of his flock; let us present our prayers to the Father with confidence in his love for each one of us.

1. We pray for Pope Francis, our Bishops and all who are called to lead the Church after the example of the Apostles; may they have the wisdom and courage they need to face the challenges of our time.  
**Lord, hear us**
2. Gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist, the mystery of Christ's love for us; let us commit ourselves to serve Him the Shepherd of the flock with gladness and joy each day. **Lord, hear us.**
3. Christ died on the cross to demonstrate his love for us; may we always be aware of that love and respond in shepherding others by our care, kindness, and example. **Lord, hear us.**
4. Jesus says 'the harvest is rich, but the labourers are few'; we pray for those who are called to follow Christ as priests and religious in our Diocese and throughout the world; may they respond with the generosity and zeal of the Apostles. **Lord, hear us.**
5. Jesus instructed his disciples to care for the sick, and those in special need; we pray for all those who are ill at this time; may our prayers bring them healing and comfort. **Lord, hear us.**
6. We remember all those who have died; may they reach at last the Kingdom of Heaven and live in the presence of God for ever. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** God our Father, we thank you for the faith we have received; may we always appreciate the gifts you have bestowed on us and truly live as your people in name and in fact. We make these prayers through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**