

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant:

Confident that 'God is our strength', we turn to him with our prayers.

1. As we begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: may Christians 'learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, and plead for the widow 'together'. (Is. 1:17) **Lord, hear us.**
2. As we begin this New Year, open our hearts and minds to the many blessings and opportunities you set before us, order our days in your lasting peace, and help us live each day in the light of your wisdom. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For migrants and refugees, that in the hospitality of Christians they may experience God's compassion. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For our world, that its leaders may seek to provide relief for those who suffer or live in conditions of dire need and hardship. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For those who do not recognise Christ in their midst, that their eyes and hearts may be opened by the grace of God, the truth of the Gospel and the ministry of the Church. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For places where religion is invoked to justify violent conflict, that the Holy Spirit may bring healing and peace. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For those who have died: that God who delivered Jesus from death may bring them to eternal life. **Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant:

Heavenly Father, hear the prayers we make with confidence, keep us faithful and bring us salvation, through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**