

Prayers of the Faithful

Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Celebrant:

We are people of the resurrection: we proclaim to the world the good news that Jesus has conquered evil, sin and death. With trust and hope we bring our prayers before our Risen Lord.

1. We pray for Pope Francis and the leaders of our Church; may they faithfully and courageously help us recognise and nurture the seeds of synodality. **Lord, hear us.**

2. We pray for the people of Ukraine and for those with power and influence to overcome conflict and war. May Jesus, the Prince of Peace, move hearts and minds to set aside weapons of war and build lasting peace. **Lord, hear us.**

3. As we celebrate the Day of Prayer for Temperance, we pray for the grace of moderation in all things. May our simplicity of living enable us to live free from unhealthy attachments in our daily lives. **Lord, hear us.**

4. We pray for the work and mission of the Pioneer Association. May the witness of its members give greater glory to God, inspire many on the path to holiness, and encourage others in overcoming their struggle with addiction. **Lord, hear us.**

5. We pray for all whose lives are harmed or exploited through addiction. Strengthen those in recovery to nurture healthier lifestyles and behaviours. Give patience and encouragement to family members living with loved ones caught in a spiral of addiction. **Lord, hear us.**

6. The psalmist reminds us of those who are '*still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green*'. We pray for the older

members of our community. May we always value their wisdom, celebrate with them in joy, and cherish their presence with love and devotion. **Lord, hear us.**

7. For those who live alone. Sustain them in hope and stir us to love them in both word and deed. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For all who interact with radio, tv or social media. May they reject half-truths which deceive and positively use their influence in the pursuit of truth and justice. **Lord, hear us.**
9. We pray for those whose sight is impaired and those who are blind. Help us to be mindful of their needs in the planning of our towns and cities and may we support one another in our daily living. **Lord, hear us.**
10. *‘Every tree can be told by its own fruit’*. We pray for all Christians; may they strive to be authentic witnesses to the faith they profess, testifying to the merciful love of Christ in all things. **Lord, hear us.**
11. For the dead, those who have followed the Way of the Lord in this life. May they rejoice in the fullness of Christ’s life in heaven. **Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant:

Heavenly father, hear the prayers we bring into your presence. Show us the way of true generosity and compassion in our daily lives. We make these prayers through Christ our Lord. **Amen**