

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant:

Jesus shows us the love of God our Father. With confidence in this love we turn to him with our prayers.

1. For Pope Francis, successor to the apostles Peter and Paul; may God sustain him with health in his apostolic ministry as he seeks the will of the Holy Spirit in renewing and shepherding the Church. **Lord, hear us.**

2. For those fleeing conflict and war, violence in the home, and exploitation. May they take refuge in the Lord, knowing that with Him at their side, they '*shall stand firm*'. **Lord, hear us.**

3. St. Oliver Plunkett 'preached to those starved of the word of God'. As we celebrate the Feast of St. Oliver, may his untiring work in the service of the Gospel strengthen and preserve the faith in our Diocese. **Lord, hear us.**

4. As the World Meeting of Families gathers in Rome, may all families be given the grace to put God at the centre of their lives and learn from Him the generous love that strengthens and enriches family life. **Lord, hear us.**

5. For the young people, the future of our Church; may the example of St. Oliver Plunkett inspire them to lives of courageous faith. **Lord, hear us.**

6. We pray for those looking for guidance or direction in life, those seeking the Holy Spirit's affirmation for decisions yet to be taken. May they turn to the '*Lord who gives them counsel*'. **Lord, hear us.**

7. For those who earn their living from the land. Provide enough rain to water their crops, light to make them grow, and sun to ripen them. Reward their labours with a bountiful harvest. **Lord, hear us.**

8. We pray for those enslaved to addiction and for those who live with loved ones locked in addictive behaviour. Help them to break the yoke of slavery and begin again with supports that rebuild their lives. **Lord, hear us.**

9. For the grace this week to live free of pride, detraction, and resentment. **Lord, hear us.**

10. For the sick: for those recovering from illness and surgery, those in rehabilitation following accidents and strokes, those undergoing treatment for cancer, and those living with life-limiting conditions. Sustain them by your grace that their strength and courage may not fail, and heal them in mind and body. **Lord, hear us.**

11. For those who mourn, those filled with the sorrow of grief. Grant them solace and hope in the sure and certain promise that those who have died are at rest in your peace. **Lord, hear us.**

12. For the dead; may they experience the fullness of joy in God's presence and happiness at his right hand. **Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant:

Loving Father, graciously hear our prayers and guide our way that we may never forsake the path of His cross. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(Please note: The Presider may choose an appropriate number of prayers from these sample Prayers of the Faithful.)